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## Scattering the ashes

AIDS activist Rebecca Henschler spreads the ashes of fellow activist Colin Blakney before a police line forbidding the continuation of a "Day of the Dead" political funeral march in front of the state Capitol in Sacramento on October 29.

(Photo: Rick Gerhardt)

## Renne, Callanan Reelected in SF; GOP Wins, Gays Lose Nationally

by Wayne Friday

San Francisco voters re-elected City Attorney Louis Renne and Treasurer Mary Callanan on Tuesday, November 2, voted in a new ethics commission (Prop. I), and easily passed a proposition (V) that is designed to reform welfare general assistance requirements.

In other county results, San Francisco voters passed Propositions H (radio communications financing), J (cash management), L (human resources department), M (transportation commission), N (charter review), O (supervisors committee meetings), P (supervisors general meetings), Q (purchasing procedures), R (retirement board),

S (fine arts museum), T (deputy fire chiefs), U (city election procedures), and W (eliminate officeholders accounts).

A majority of San Francisco voters voted for Prop. A (cultural facilities bonds), and Prop. B (street and traffic safety bonds) but not, however, by the two-thirds margin necessary for their passage.

Going down to defeat locally were Propositions E (sales tax backup), D (police and fire early retirement), E (spousal pension benefits), F (police and fire retirement modifications), W (limit on officeholders accounts), Y (taxi permits), and Z (garbage and recyclables).

Proposition AA, which or-

ders public officials and employees to occasionally ride public transportation, was passed, as was BB, allowing a local cop to work his patrols with the assistance of a wooden dummy.

### State, national returns

Statewide, the two propositions getting the most attention were Prop. 172, (extension of the current on-half percent sales tax to provide more police and fire protection), which passed easily, and Prop. 174, the controversial "school vouchers" plan, which was defeated handily.

In San Diego, lesbian city council candidate Christine Kehoe won her race.

Gay rights issues lost in three major races. Voters in Lewiston, Maine; Boise, Idaho; and Cincinnati, Ohio, voted to repeal gay rights laws that had been placed on the books by city councils, and in Cincinnati, the anti-gay forces managed to pass into law a charter amendment that forbids the council in that city to ever again place gay rights on the books. Legal challenges are expected in all three cities, and the outcome in Boise, Lewiston, and Cincinnati will eventually be settled in the courts.

In other closely watched races, two states, Virginia and New Jersey replaced incumbent Democratic governors with Republicans. New Jersey elected its first-ever woman governor, and New York City, with a 5-to-1 Democratic Party registration, ousted its Democratic incumbent by electing Rudolph Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor, as the first Republican mayor of the nation's largest city in nearly 50 years. ▼



## Martina quits the tennis racket

Although she's winding down her career, Martina was still in great form at the Bank of the West Classic November 2. See page 15 for the lowdown from our own Roxie Rosen.

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

## New, Improved Hamilton Square Church Rally Planned for Monday

by Mike Salinas

The demonstration of gays and lesbians outside a church where anti-gay bigot Lou Sheldon was speaking on September 9 has sparked a counter-demonstration by right wing forces.

"Conservative clergymen from all over North America," according to a press release forwarded to the *Bay Area Reporter*, "will come to join San Francisco clergymen in a rally for religious freedom" prompted by the earlier demonstration.



Lou Sheldon.

The rally of fundamentalist Christians is scheduled for Monday, November 8, at 2 p.m., at the site of the earlier demonstration: the Hamilton Square Baptist Church, located at 1212 Geary Street.

The press release claims the demonstration was called "to protest the militant homosexual assault on religious freedom that took place last month at Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

"The homosexual flag will be taken down from the church's flagpole, and the Christian flag will be put back where it was before the homosexuals ripped it down and threw it in the dirt last month," it promises.

"Then the homosexual flag will be presented to openly lesbian supervisor Carole Migden at City Hall, so she can return it to her own people."

"What can I say: they're certainly welcome to fly whatever flag they consider appropriate," Migden told the *Bay Area Reporter* when advised of the press release.



Carole Migden.

I have had no contact with them and do not intend to be a part [of the rally], she said. "I suppose if they drop a rainbow flag off at City Hall, we'll do the best we can to put it to good use."

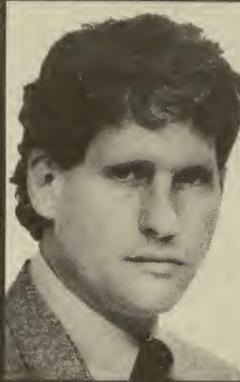
The pastor of the Hamilton Square Baptist Church, David Innes, will "lead this rally of conservative clergymen from the Bay Area and from throughout the United States," the press release promises. Unconfirmed reports have indicated Sheldon will be present at the rally, too. ▼

[For more information about the September 19 gay demonstration and the conservative Christian response, see "Crybaby Fundies Can Dish It Out, But Can't Take It," page 2.]

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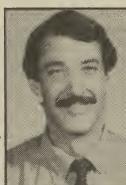
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## Community News

# Happy Ending to 'Dirty Tricks' Bashing Case

by Dennis Conkin

Two men were sentenced in Superior Court on Friday, October 9, for incidents last year in which they picked up gay men in the Castro District, lured them to secluded areas, and then robbed and attacked them with baseball bats while making anti-gay comments.

Alex Coleman, 24, of Lodi, California, was sentenced to eight years in state prison for the incidents. He pleaded guilty to felony robbery and hate crimes.

A juvenile was also convicted of the same charges after pleading guilty, and has been remanded to the custody of the California Youth Authority to see if he is suitable for custody for the same period. If the YA rejects the youth as unsuitable, he will serve the same term in a state prison.

In one of the incidents that led to the pair's convictions, the assailants picked up a gay man in Collingwood Park and told him they were gay. One

of the men said he wanted to spend more time with the victim but had to drop off his friend at an aunt's house first.

After the pair made a detour through Golden Gate Park — and a decision to go to the beach near the San Francisco Zoo — the juvenile assaulted the victim with a baseball bat while making anti-gay comments.

The victim lost his wallet in the attack and an invalid ATM card.

In the second incident, the assailants picked up an inebriated man in the Castro and offered him a ride to the East Bay. The pair took the victim to Golden Gate Park, where the juvenile assaulted the man with a baseball bat, and the pair bound him from head to toe in adhesive duct tape and threw him into the park bushes.

Coleman was arrested shortly after the incidents, when the first victim spotted him in the Castro and called 911. By the time police ar-

rived in response to the call, Coleman was already in the car of a third potential victim.

When police approached the car, Coleman reportedly laid a starter pistol on the passenger seat and ran, but was quickly apprehended.

Coleman later snatched out the juvenile. During the investigation, both admitted they came from Lodi to San Francisco with the intent of picking up and robbing gay men.

According to District Attorney Chuck Haines, head of the Hate Crimes Prosecution Team, the convictions send a clear message that anti-gay hate violence will not be tolerated.

"It's a very clear message to potential gay bashers that they will end up doing very lengthy prison sentences — and just because someone is a juvenile doesn't mean they won't be held accountable as an adult," Haines said. ▼

# Crybaby Fundies Can Dish It Out, But Can't Take It

by Dennis Conkin

Lesbian and gay activists who took part in a demonstration to protest the September 19 appearance by Traditional Values Coalition founder Lou Sheldon at the Hamilton Square Baptist Church are now the subject of a police criminal investigation.

Although the investigation is not yet complete, according to Police Inspector Bob O'Sullivan, portions of the case have been forwarded to District Attorney Arlo Smith for a review of the evidence.

Smith will make a determination as to whether the evidence is sufficient to sustain charges.

O'Sullivan told the *Bay Area Reporter* that there are "constitutional issues" at the core of the case — and said that among the most serious of the possible criminal charges are the allegations that some protesters tried to break down the doors of the church to gain entry to the sanctuary.

O'Sullivan said that the demonstration occurred during a regularly-scheduled 6 p.m. weekly evening religious worship service.

Sheldon, head of the TVC, an anti-gay right wing fundamentalist Christian lobbying group, was invited to the service to speak in support of the Reverend Eugene Lumpkin by Hamilton Square pastor David Innis. At that time, Lumpkin had only recently been fired by Mayor Frank Jordan from his post on the city Human Rights Commission, after saying he supported Biblical passages calling for the death penalty for homosexuals.

During the demonstration, several protesters removed the church's flag from the

members lives, and our future. We did nothing wrong," the statement concluded.

FISH urged lesbian and gay community members to call their supervisors about the incident and said that a planned march by TVC and other religious fundamentalists was a scare tactic to pressure prosecution.

Activists with FISH, (Fighting Intolerance, Scapegoating, and Hatred), an ad hoc committee supporting protesters who demonstrated at the TVC, issued a statement decrying possible prosecution.

"We want to stress the fact that this was not a religious service but a political rally of the TVC and its leader Lou Sheldon who was here to discuss the personal lifestyles of the lesbian and gay community and to plan its demise. Those of us concerned about this were denied entry to the rally. Lou Sheldon's appearance at the church was publicly announced prior to his visit, therefore it should come as no surprise that Sheldon was quoted by a journalist who was inside the church as saying 'I have a big surprise for the activists outside,'" the statement said.

Sheldon came to provoke

"Sheldon came to San Francisco to provoke our community and the pursuit of criminal charges was part of the plan. This is the first attack in what will be a Colorado-style assault on our civil rights. We firmly stand by any and all actions taken by demonstrators on September 19. No violence was advocated or committed. No one was injured or hurt. It was a totally appropriate response to such a hater. Inside the church, Sheldon spread his message of hatred, which incites violence. We were defending our community, its

Although it is a violation of California law to disrupt church services or harass worshippers entering or leaving church property, activists claim that the proceedings were not a church service but a meeting open to the public.

No action is expected for a month, O'Sullivan said, and the investigation is continuing.

Innis told the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "I've done nothing wrong ... as far as I'm concerned" and "the issue here is freedom." ▼

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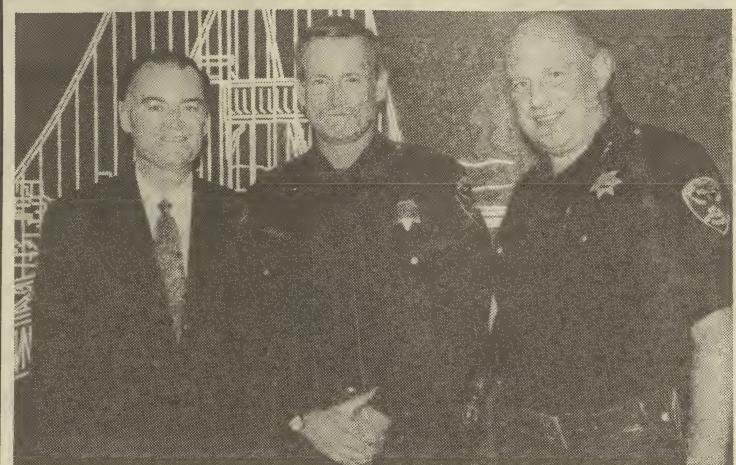
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### V is for valor

San Francisco Police Officer Raymond Benson (center) was awarded the Silver Medal of Valor, one of the department's highest honors, during ceremonies held last week at the S.F. Police Academy. In August of last year, Benson, an openly gay police officer and a 15-year veteran, received severe facial injuries while apprehending a notorious drug dealer. The presentation of the medal was made jointly by Mayor Frank Jordan (left) and Police Chief Anthony Ribera before a large crowd in the academy's auditorium.

## No Rest (Rooms) for the Wicked at Nordstrom's

by Dennis Conkin

Three men were arrested and detained by security personnel at Nordstrom's San Francisco Centre store on Monday, November 1, for allegedly soliciting sex in the bathroom of the retail store.

"I was in the restroom stall for about five minutes," one of the three told the *Bay Area Reporter* on the condition of anonymity. "Someone did come by the door and peer through the crack. It looked like they were fondling themselves. Another man seemed to be hanging out at the urinal."

"I was not soliciting," the man said.

Shortly after he noticed the cruising scene, the man said that plainclothes security people from Nordstrom's announced their presence — and handcuffed the three men occupying the stalls.

The three were then taken to a security site in the store and told they were under arrest for homosexual solicitation.

"They said that if we would cooperate they they would not call 'downtown,' they took our identification, and we signed statements that we would not return to any Nordstrom's for two years," the man said.

Although the man emphasized that he was not solicit-

ing, he said that he agreed to sign the statement because he didn't want to be charged with soliciting for sex in a public restroom.

Solicitation for public sex is a violation of the state penal code; offenders can receive fines and jail sentences or be required to register as sex offenders with the local police department.

"It's a place where people may be prone to do some cruising. Maybe the *Bay Area Reporter* can alert their readers," the man said.

A spokesperson for Nordstrom's is investigating the incident. ▼

## Stars Restaurant Owner Sued for AIDS Discrimination

by Dennis Conkin

A mandatory settlement conference, ordered by Presiding Superior Court Judge Raymond Arata in a civil lawsuit filed against Stars restaurant owner Jeremiah Tower, failed on Wednesday, November 3, when the plaintiff rejected the settlement offer as inadequate. For that reason, the suit, filed by a gay former employee who alleges that he was fired in December 1991 because he has HIV infection.

Rolando Iglesias, the plaintiff in the lawsuit, is currently hospitalized in the advanced stages of AIDS.

The lawsuit was thrown out in September before it went to trial by Judge William Cahill, who said that Iglesias had failed to prove that Tower knew he was gay, according to attorney Steven A. Schectman.

However, Cahill ordered the case to trial after Schectman released four sworn statements from witnesses that indicated that Tower — despite his pre-trial statements — did speculate on the sexual orientation of employ-

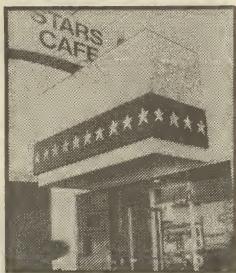
ees and wondered whether their illnesses might be AIDS related, and introduced a declaration from a former employee that he and another co-worker were discharged because they had AIDS.

Iglesias worked at Stars for five months in 1991, after taking off work for a month because of pneumonia, he was fired in December — allegedly because he told a customer that the restaurant was out of a dessert.

"Tower has testified that he knew of no employees with AIDS and that he had no close friends who died of AIDS. This is a lie," Schectman said. "He has also testified that he has never been aware from any source of the fact that when a gay man contracts pneumonia that it is likely that he is suffering from AIDS-like symptoms."

The suit alleges that Tower told his staff before Iglesias was fired that he was "tired of paying health insurance costs" for "people's indiscretions in their bedrooms."

Schectman told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Tower hired attorneys in 1987 to ad-



Stars Cafe.

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

vise him on how to avoid liability for firing employees with AIDS and recommending the termination of two workers who were totally disabled with AIDS but still receiving health benefits.

In press accounts, Tower has denied that he was lying and said that the lawsuit should serve notice to restaurant owners that employees can sue anyone they think has "deep pockets."

According to a spokesperson for Schectman, if the settlement conference is unsuccessful, the case will be ordered to trial. ▼

## Health & Community

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**AIDS/HIV** Nightline Seeks volunteers to staff phones. Call Ralph or Dave at 752-4866.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics** Gay & lesbian support group meets Wednesdays, 8-9:30pm at MCC, Room 104, 150 Eureka St. All are welcome.

**Alternative Alcohol Problem Fellowship** Tuesdays, 8-9:30pm. 398-6594.

**Bay Area Young Positives** HIV support group for young people of color. Weekly meetings, activities. Every Wednesday, 7pm. 25 Van Ness, 5th fl. 923-0460.

**Brothers Network (Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services)** Drop-in support groups, closed groups as well. 625 O'Farrell. 749-6714.

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**French-Speaking Social Group** Meets the first Friday of each month. Donnez-vous 431-6414.

**Gathering of Nations, Alternative HIV Treatment Forum** Gay American Indians sponsors an evening of discussing AIDS treatments. Nov. 6, 6-9pm. SF Center for Living, 4054 18th at Castro. 621-4716.

**Gay A/PI Identity GAP** Men's Group on self-image meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm. Thru Nov. 23 in Berkeley. (510) 841-6224.

**GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders)** Women Writers Group meets Nov. 15, at Operation Concern, 1853 Market. Marin Women's Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Sat. Betty: 479-6643.

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**HIV+ Support & Education Programs** Different groups for gay men, women, public education forums, couples, family & friends support group, and socials. All groups meet 6:30-8pm, Mondays & Tuesdays. 235 W. MacArthur Blvd., Room 530. 596-6337.

**LAVA Nominations** Name outstanding lesbians worthy of recognition by Lesbians of Achievement, Vision & Action. Deadline Nov. 5. 495-5393.

**Lesbian & Gay Parenting Association** Meeting to discuss ways to help Sharon Bottoms and others like her. Nov. 10, 7pm. Buena Vista School on 25th st., one block east of Potrero. Childcare provided. Everyone welcome. Those who can't attend are urged to write to demand the ousting of Judge Buford Parsons. Write to: Gov. Douglas Wilder, Office of the Governor, Capitol Building, 3rd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219.

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## Community News

# Institutions of Higher Bigotry: Activists To Confront Anti-Gay WASC

by Dennis Conkin

A five-member panel of representatives of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, convening on Friday, November 5, at the Financial Center Holiday Inn, will get an earful from members of the accrediting association who are concerned about the group's anti-gay policies.

Although the meeting is closed to the public, those gay activists who are members of educational institutions that belong to the group and who oppose the group's refusal to require non-discrimination policies of its member universities and colleges, plan to attend and bring the matter up during the audience participation segment of the discussion.

A proposed policy recommendation by the group's Diversity Issues Commission, which will be discussed at the meeting, encourages schools and universities that belong to the group to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in admissions and employment.

"The Western Association of Schools and Colleges diversity policy excludes sexual orientation. It says there is no religious or moral consensus



NGLTF co-chair Chris Collins.  
(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

sity School of Law. Collins, who is also co-chair of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the proposed policy violates WASC's own guidelines.

The proposal, which is supported by religious fundamentalist universities such as Loma Linda University, a Seventh Day Adventist health care training institution, and Biola College in Southern California, and may be adopted early next year, according to Collins.

NGLTF is beginning to organize around the issue on college and university campuses that are in the regional accrediting organization, according to Curt Shephard, who directs the group's campus organizing project from an LA field office.

The group helps organize campus gay, lesbian, and bisexual groups across the country around national gay and lesbian issues.

"I think the policy is reprehensible in this day and age," Shephard said. "As if sexual orientation is an issue of religion or morals: it's an issue of fairness and equality."

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## Editorial

### Unhappy Election Day

The election day results have come in from around the country, and they are as bad as we feared: of three anti-gay ballot initiatives spearheaded by the conservative right, in Maine, Ohio, and Idaho, all three passed.

Once again, our enemies have scored a goal, and we feel as though our national coaches are not even playing the right game.

Of course, we have already heard from some of those leaders that we don't know just how difficult it is for them — Torie Osborn even wrote a piece for the *New York Times* on the subject, although the only newsworthy thing she had to say was that she's writing a book; note to Crown Books: clear off the remainder table, a new shipment is a-comin' in. And while we acknowledge that it is true we have never held a job with any of the national groups, we are able to tell when they aren't being effective. We don't have to give milk to know when it's sour.

Back to the national elections: the only bright spot is that four of five openly gay candidates won their races, showing once again that people who know gay people — who know they know gay people — are easily able to overcome homophobia. In voting against gay rights, the electorate voted against a nameless, faceless *ubergay/uberlesbian* "agenda," but in voting for gay and lesbian people, American citizens again showed they are able to do the right thing.

It also shows that Bill Clinton is in a lot of deep shit. He stumped for three candidates, and all three lost. Apparently his support, whether for specific candidates or the concept of equal civil rights, is equally worthless.

On a local front we have a dummy cop; on the state front, we do not have dumb school vouchers. Other results are on the front page.

### Cultivating a Solution

A proposition that was overwhelmingly passed by voters a couple of years ago, Proposition P, allowed for the use of marijuana by people who need it for medicinal use. We have all seen our friends waste away with AIDS; we have seen our sisters with breast cancer too sick from chemotherapy to speak; and most of us have seen improvements in those conditions brought about by cannabis usage.

Somebody at the Federal Food and Drug Administration said of marijuana's reputation as a beneficial substance, "a cruel hoax." Shame on the FDA for spreading such lies. They are perpetrating a hoax, and they know it. Their cruelty is almost boundless, since keeping marijuana from the hands of chemotherapy patients and people with AIDS literally causes people to starve to death.

When Somalis starve, the nation responds; we think it's time we did as much for our PWAs.

Which brings us to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which on November 9 is scheduled to vote on the cultivation — separate from the possession — of cannabis for medical purposes. With marijuana prices now around \$600 an ounce on the street these days, cultivation is the only way people with AIDS, cancer, and multiple sclerosis can afford to treat their symptoms.

The B.A.R. recently chastised Governor Wilson for ignoring all the evidence when he vetoed Speaker Brown's needle exchange bill in Sacramento. We hope the supervisors in San Francisco are less prone to hysterical demonizations than he, and that they are a lot more compassionate. We applaud those supervisors who see the necessity of decriminalization of cultivated marijuana for medicinal reasons. It is the right thing to do. ▼



## Guest Opinion

### The Issue That Won't Go Away

by Jeffrey Gibson

You might be asking, following the announcement of "Don't ask, don't tell," why don't we just let this one die away?

And the answer is because *it is not acceptable to be told by our government that we can exist, so long as we hide or lie about who we are and who we love.*

For those who still don't understand why people outside of the military care about this issue, remember that the U.S. military is the largest employer in the United States. Not only does it employ the greatest number of Americans of any "company," but its impact on the private sector, including discriminatory policies, is immense.

So long as our government sanctions discrimination against our brothers and sisters who work in the military, private employers will continue to do the same in the private sector. Further, a victory in the military will help the progress of a national civil rights bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. That will mean no more homophobic hate campaigns such as we still see in Colorado, Oregon, Concord, California or propositions such as those voted on this week in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lewiston, Maine. While we can't go to each employer in America and explain to them why they should add sexual orientation to their non-discrimination policies, imagine the impact on the private sector if the government said that you cannot fire us or refuse to promote us just because we tell you who we are.

The United States Supreme Court ruled last week on a side issue regarding gays in the military. The ruling was disappointing, but the war is far from over. The case is *Meinhold vs. U.S. Department of Defense*, and it is a strong step forward on the path to gay and lesbian equality.

Upon learning of President-elect Clinton's pledge to lift the ban after the election last November, Petty Officer Keith Meinhold told the Navy that he was gay. There is no allegation of "improper conduct" on his part, if you know what I mean. The Navy began to discharge him simply based upon his statement that he is a homosexual.

Keith sued the Navy, asking the court to stop his discharge on the ground that the "old" policy of excluding gays and lesbians from military service was unconstitutional. Federal Judge Terry Hatter ruled that the "old" policy of excluding gays from the military violated the United States Constitution. As an aside, Hatter is an African-American who understands, unlike African-American (retired) General Colin Powell, that discrimination is discrimination.

Hatter went further, not only telling the Navy that they must keep queer Meinhold, but also that they cannot discriminate against him in raises, duty assignments or promotions due to his statement that he is a homosexual. Hatter also expanded his order to apply to all gays and lesbians in the military, not just Keith.

The Navy appealed Hatter's decision to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals; the appeal will be heard in December of this year. That is not the problem.

The problem arose when the Navy gave Keith a performance evaluation. He received excellent scores in all areas of his review except for "personal behavior," because of his public stance on the issue of gays in the military. The Navy "flunked" him in that category. Keith's lawyer, John McGuire, went back to Judge Hatter and asked the Judge to punish the Navy by fining them \$10,000 a day until the government stopped discriminating against Keith and all homosexuals in the military. Judge Hatter agreed. This also had the impact of stopping the implementation of the new "Don't ask, don't tell" policy, because it too discriminates against gays and lesbians.

The Navy responded like a rabid dog frothing at the mouth. It was bad enough to have to keep Keith in, but not ALL queers in the military!

So the government went to the 9th Circuit and asked for an emergency stay of Judge Hatter's order. The 9th Circuit denied the government's request, saying that the matter could be resolved in December when the case is set for hearing. Thus the 9th Circuit left Judge Hatter's order intact, thereby keeping the government from imple-

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## Letters

### Broadened Horizons

You got a face? Broad Nation is in it.

You go about your day untroubled by the holocaust right under your nose — the holocaust of women? In one hour of your day, more women die of breast cancer, cervical cancer, suicide, environmental illnesses, rape, domestic violence, homelessness, AIDS and poverty than you can fit into a stadium. Who is to blame for this? You go about your day untroubled by the holocaust right under your nose? Guess who is the problem!

So many more women than males die of cancer it's sickening, yet most of the money for cancer goes to the precious males. So many more women than males die of domestic violence and rape that there should be a huge monument in every city. What male knows about rape? Some dumb, ugly rapist getting raped by a prison cell mate? Talk about poetic justice!

So many more women than males live in poverty that they are really a nation within a nation. They are America's secret Soweto. So many women have AIDS that it's a nightmare and a woman with AIDS suffers so much more than a male with AIDS. Misogyny is far more powerful and ingrained than homophobia.

Of course all marginalized groups have to work side by side fighting their health crises and of course males with AIDS suffer but, it's nothing compared to misogyny and what the women go through. And let us just say that every lesbian we have talked to thinks: even with their precious AIDS crisis, women still suffer more than the privileged gay white males.

Getting angry? Now you know what your misogyny feels like after being confronted. It churns around inside you. Don't like a bunch of queer broads making you look at things you know are true? Now you know how strongly misogyny shapes your attitudes. You think you're queer? Guess who is the problem.

During the three months since we wrote our first letter, Broad Nation has been meeting, planning, increasing our memberships and beginning actions that will make you sick if you're sexist and laugh with joy if you're a woman. In fighting misogyny, our actions will be — LOUD. But being "devious and untrustworthy females" a few of our actions have already occurred — behind the scenes. We have even "infiltrated" a few local sacred cow institutions. Feeling threatened? Do keep guessing.

In our last letter we criticized feminist Uncle Toms like Feinstein and Boxer and CIA pawns like Gloria Steinem. Yet we will not be neglecting the countless courageous broads who have truly been fighting misogyny and the oppression of women. Broads like Roberta Achtenberg, Marsha Levine, Pat Norman, Barbara Cameron, Susan Leal, Eileen Hansen, Sarah Schulman, Patti Chang, Val C. Phoenix, Angela Bocage, Karen Lee Erlichman, Deborah Peifer, Kate Raphael, Nona Caspers, Paula Gutierrez, Kate Clinton, Audrey Lockwood, Lupe Riley, Beth Elliot, Constance Schultz, Petra Iamasclit, Birgit Scherra, Naomi Falcone, Madeleine Winter.

This is the short list! These queer women can't be shown enough of our heartfelt gratitude and respect. It is among these broads that the majority of intelligence, compassion and courage have been shown in our community. And don't forget that broad Carol Migden — the next mayor of San Francisco!

Get used to the new reality. Whether in your face or quietly behind the scenes, women are taking advantage of the opportunity the last ten years in this town have given us — the opportunity to give it what it needs most — the rule of the hearts and minds of women! Feeling threatened? You are a misogynist. You got a face? Broad Nation is in it!

Naomi Adelman, Lisa Maddox, Diedre Clay, Angela Yee, Pat Hutchinsen, Christine Pacheco, Steering Committee Broad Nation, San Francisco

### Imagine Nation

The San Francisco Stonewall 25 Committee wishes to correct the impression which may have been left with your readers by columnist Orlan Outland about the change in dates for next year's pride marches in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York.

The reason for the changes was not simply, as Outland alleges, to "accommodate those who wish to attend the New York parade on June 26"; rather, the national organization of lesbian and gay pride committees agreed, for 1994 only, to defer to the Stonewall 25th Anniversary Celebrations in New York City, the centerpiece of which is to be a massive international March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People, which is expected to be larger by far than this year's March on Washington. Consequently, all of these local pride organizations have agreed to use their own events to build the International March in NYC. Stonewall 25 is not to be, as Outland assumes, "New York's parade"; rather, Stonewall 25 belongs to the international gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, equally to San Francisco, Amsterdam and Sao Paolo as to New York.

Imagine more than 1 million queers marching from the historic Stonewall Inn up to the United Nations to demand that that organization recognize the human rights of sexual minorities.

Imagine the 1994 Gay Games, bringing thousands of lesbians and gay athletes and spectators to NYC during June. Imagine conferences and events sponsored

by every national or international lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender group. Imagine a mile-long rainbow flag unfurled up New York's Fifth Avenue.

Each of the pride organizations shared this vision to honor the memory of Stonewall in this 25th anniversary year and voted to work to build this event.

And what does it mean? It means that during the month of June, all of our events national and internationally, will seize the attention of the world's media, building week after week, to an enormous display of the marvelous diversity and power of all our communities at the very doors of the United Nations. It means that 14 months after mounting one of the biggest civil rights demonstration in history, our communities will do it yet again, but bigger.

Deborah Oakley-Melvin and Bob Lewis  
Co-Chairs, SF Stonewall 25  
Organizing Committee, San Francisco

### Walgreen's: A Steady Decline

The following letter was sent to the manager, Walgreen's Pharmacy, 18th & Castro Streets, San Francisco:

I feel compelled to tell you why I no longer have my prescriptions filled at your pharmacy.

As a man with HIV disease, I need a pharmacy that is fast, efficient, patient and friendly. Over the years I have watched a steady decline in service and sensitivity to your clients' needs when the Star Pharmacy became Walgreen's Pharmacy.

As an example, when my companion recently asked you to call our physician with whom he had just spoken for a new prescription, he was put in a position of entreating for cooperation. I too have been told this is not store policy.

Now all my subscription work goes to the Castro Village Pharmacy where the prices are competitive, the service fast and efficient. Plus there is a wealth of brochures on nearly every imaginable HIV-related need. And they never hesitate to call my doctor when the situation warrants. Additionally, they give you a detailed print-out of the drug you are getting and all the important data.

Lastly, and important to our community, the Castro Village Pharmacy advertises in our community's newspapers. Although Walgreen's is an epicenter of HIV infection, Walgreen's apparently feels this community support is unnecessary.

Michael T. Roper  
San Francisco

*Editor Adds: Walgreen's also refused to sell Random House's How Not to Get AIDS with posterock Magic Johnson.*

### Film Finances

This is to and in response to Marvin Shaw's recent letter in B.A.R.:

Thank you for your contribution to help in the production of our adaptation of Vito Russo's book, *The Celluloid Closet*. In your letter, which was published in the B.A.R., you ask: "... why is it necessary to make this public solicitation for money to produce the picture?" Unfortunately, having two Oscars for documentary feature doesn't necessarily mean film studios or television networks are ready to finance the next one.

We've been developing this project for several years now and "conventional financial backing" has been sought. Entertainment financing sources in the U.S. generally aren't interested in non-fiction films because there isn't enough profit margin for them to take the risk. Fortunately, we've had some success overseas. To date, we've secured the bulk of our production financing from German, French and British television, and we remain hopeful that PBS will eventually come through as well. We are seeking only one third of our budget from individual donors and only out of necessity. Like our film *Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt*, all profits that would normally come to the filmmakers will go to an AIDS charity.

Again, thank you for your contribution to the project.

Rob Epstein  
for *The Celluloid Closet*  
San Francisco

*Ed. Note: The matter of having a closeted lesbian for a spokesperson has yet to be addressed.*

### Emetic Fashion

If I see just one more photo of President Clinton in gym shoes, I am going to THROW UP!

Mark McGrath  
San Francisco

*Ed. Note: Although someone once said, "Glamour should make one convulse," the lack of it often gets the same result.*

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## Letters

### Puff, Puff

In America and in San Francisco in particular, workers are encouraged to sacrifice their lives in a toxic, smoke-filled environment in order to appease the forces of profit and business enterprise.

The restaurant industry is, once again, selfishly whining about imagined loss of income and impending disaster should San Francisco supervisors vote in favor of regulations establishing smoke-free workplaces — including restaurants.

These "Chicken Little was right" doomsayers fail to note that many people do not patronize their places of business because of the current smoking practices of other customers.

Restaurants that allow smoking also deny access to any person with asthma or any other chemical sensitivity, thereby depriving them of their civil rights of free access. The first lawsuit charging discrimination on behalf of these people should put an end to the childish whining of restaurant operators of Stars and Harrington's (both outspoken opponents of smoke-free environments).

I encourage anyone who is considering a visit to one of these two establishments to think twice before they risk their health and contribute to the dangerous working conditions for waiterpersons at Harringtons and Stars.

San Francisco must have a smoke-free workplace policy. Readers are invited to call every member of the Board of Supervisors urging passage of smoke-free work place environments, including restaurants, when the matter comes up for "discussion". Board president Angela Alioto is to be commended for her persistence and far-sightedness in choosing to take on this necessary, but difficult issue.

John Cailneau  
San Francisco

### Duesey

Allow me to respond to Bruce Mirken's biased hit piece, "Duesberg in Wonderland" and subsequent letters to you by Barry Kittleson and John V. Marcellini.

Mr. Mirken, in response to Kittleson, states "Typical of Duesbergites I've encountered, Mr. Kittleson makes no effort to refute any of the factual statements in my article." Mr. Mirkin takes Duesberg to task for stating that (AZT) "is actually causing the symptoms we call AIDS." Mr. Mirken argues that "no data" exists to justify this hypothesis. A few of the many symptoms that can be caused by AZT as well as AIDS are: (1) anemia-low red cell count; (2) leukopenia-low white blood cell count; (3) myopathy-muscular cell death; and (4) bone marrow suppression.

Mr. Mirken can consult his PDR if he doubts that AZT can cause these well-documented AIDS symptoms. I will not refute Mr. Mirken's contention that the actual number of women with AIDS in America is 14.2 percent and not the 10 percent that Professor Duesberg alleges, but are we splitting hairs or what?

To argue Professor Duesberg is lying about the numbers because he is 4.2 percent off is absurd. This absurdity speaks loudly of the character assassination Mr. Kittleson accuses Mr. Mirken of. Whether it is 14.2 or 10 percent, the fact remains that women in America are not contracting AIDS in a fashion commensurate to their actual percentage of the population.

Mr. Marcellini takes character assassination to an even lower level in his letter by stating (Professor Duesberg) "is also a nasty, cruel, liar who deserves a good kick in the ass." Slay the messenger if you don't like the message, but at least get his credential right. Mr. Marcellini, Duesberg was a prominent scientist long before anyone had heard of AIDS. "Where would we be today without us?" Mr. Marcellini asks and then answers "just another unnoted university professor."

Professor Duesberg, besides being a Nobel prize candidate for his work with oncogenes, was also the first scientist to map the genetic code of a retrovirus, many years before the discovery of AIDS. He has studied retroviruses for more than 20 years. HIV is in the retrovirus family and gay people are fortunate to have a person of his expertise studying the AIDS epidemic. Instead of assaulting the man, we should be thanking him for warning us about the dangers of AZT. He has paid a great cost, in terms of government and drug company funding that was lost as a result of his theories. I am thankful to Professor Duesberg for having the courage to challenge the HIV-AIDS establishment.

Jay Anthony  
San Francisco

*Ed. Note: Are gay people also fortunate to have such a noted scientist blame AIDS on the "fact" that "all gay men live drug-filled lives, consuming mass quantities of quaaludes, angel dust and other drugs" or that he calls IV drug users "junkies" in his latest Spin interview?*

### Mass Military Self-Outing Proposed

The gay community in reality is at a crisis that requires each and every one of us to unite in one big solid show of strength.

Unfortunately, a select group of us has much to lose. Yet in losing, they will gain. Some of those asked to lose, will fear exposure more than anything else. I know the dread and fear of whichever way you feel about discovery, exposure and sudden knowledge of a secret.

I was in the Army. We went to the firing range. I don't think that routine has changed in that you took turns in the foxholes and firing. The orders came to change to our assigned foxholes. I jumped into mine to find scrawled on the wall: "For a good blow job see ...." Yes, my name. Since silence is the better part of valor, I just ignored it and was thankful when the day was over and we marched back to our barracks.

We have a weapon and we should realize the value of it. If all gay military persons advised the command they were going to ask for discharges or somehow suggest that they leave the service, en masse, it should reduce our ranks by a minimum of 10 percent and reduce our deficit of military spending by that much or more.

I cannot emphasize the desire that it be done anonymously somehow, but to shake up the opposition by suddenly opening the doors of our Trojan Horse I do believe would at least bring about serious consideration of the lifting of the unconstitutional ban on gays in the military.

This is "coming out time." We that are gay must get ourselves into the fray. We must encourage and back up all gays anywhere and at any time. We must unite our efforts in such a way that they become a strong, *truthful* force. Write, write, write. Steal the habit from the fundamentalists. After church services, everybody goes downstairs and addresses envelopes and writes letters for an hour or so.

Don't hesitate writing to the people in Washington and your state capitol. Tell them off or back them up, but write!

Al G. Eichel  
Guerneville, CA

### Eyes on the Prize

Are medical scientists engaged in research on a cure for AIDS doing their very best to find a cure? It seems reasonable to assume that a researcher working for a drug company or some type of organization has a job — and a job is a job is a job. Once a cure is found, there goes the job. So, like government bureaucrats, why should AIDS researchers do their very best? This is especially so in the case of researchers who sign patent agreements with their employers giving the rights of their findings to the employer.

A very large monetary prize, say in the order of \$100 million for the person(s) finding a cure, would do a lot to spur on researchers to give it their very best.

One hundred million dollars seems like a lot of money, but it is small in comparison to the money already spent on all the various aspects of AIDS. \$1 from 40 million plus \$2 from 20 million people plus \$5 from 4 million people equals 100 million dollars — an example of how the money could be raised in small amounts — not just in the U.S. but worldwide. Being that AIDS has affected so many people, raising that amount of money would not be a problem.

The problem though — "there's the rub" — would be in keeping that amount of money from getting into the wrong hands and not going to the prize winner(s). Rather than raising the money, a better way of doing it would be to get pledges from prospective donors — a pledge to give a specific amount of money to the prize winner(s).

In the case of patent agreements, it seems reasonable to assume that employers would try to get all or part of the prize. Therefore, a panel of legal experts should be enlisted to make sure that this does not happen. Consideration should also be given to getting the Congress to make changes to the patent laws, with respect to AIDS.

Max Wolf  
San Francisco

### All in a Name

Has anyone noticed that "Chris" (or, more pretentiously, "Christopher") has now surpassed "Bruce" as the name that practically guarantees your child will grow up to be gay?? I've never met a straight Chris in my life!

Chris Kelly  
San Francisco

### Cut Request

I am trying to contact organizations that oppose infant male and female genital mutilation. Groups opposing female genital mutilation seem to be quite active, but we are having a difficult time locating groups opposing infant male genital mutilation.

Please ask those interested to send materials to 2530 Berryessa Road, No. 616, San Jose, CA 95132 so I can contact them.

Harold Too  
San Jose, CA

Wayne Friday

## Camelot Redux?

One year ago this week, the American voters tossed out an incumbent Republican president and replaced him with a Southern governor so young that he was only 16 years old, a high school sophomore, when John F. Kennedy was serving his first year of an assassination-shortened presidency. Although his own presidency is still less than a year old, some Americans are already comparing Bill Clinton with the late President Kennedy, and the similarities are, indeed, striking.

### Commentary

Clinton is undoubtedly trying to forge his own identity as president, but it is also clear that he is determined to draw parallels with the last popular Democrat to hold office at the White House. During his two-year long campaign to win the presidency, candidate Bill Clinton often cited JFK, quoting him time and again up to and including his January inaugural. Since assuming office Clinton has been to quoting Kennedy endlessly.

Clinton-watchers point out that during his decade as governor of Arkansas, the young Clinton kept a bust of JFK in his office. The president himself will tell you in a minute that his fascination with the late president dates back to 1963, when he met Kennedy at a White House reception for teenagers in the American Legion's Boys' Nation program.

Today, President Clinton surrounds himself with Kennedy artifacts, reads everything he can get his hands on about JFK, and has gone out of his way to keep in close touch with members of the Kennedy family. Only last week Clinton journeyed to Boston to join dozens of Kennedy family members at the rededication of the John F. Kennedy Museum, where he once again paid tribute to the slain leader and seemingly left himself purposely open for comparison to him.

Some accuse Clinton of purposely inviting the comparison; others say that there is in fact an honest similarity. Kennedy also went into the presidency as a relatively young man; he was considered moderately liberal in his political philosophy as well; he was also warm and outgoing with just a touch of arrogance.

Camelot revisited? Some truly think so. In fact, at last week's museum rededication, it was Senator Edward Kennedy himself who turned to Clinton and saluted him, saying, "My brother John would be proud of you, Mr. President, and so are we all here," adding that "you are the man who has summoned America to begin again just as President Kennedy did in 1961."

Some Washington political observers think that President Clinton has already overdone his embrace of John Kennedy, explaining that the two youthful Democrats just happened to have followed sleepy Republican administrations with calls for change. However, others, despite continual criticism of the Clinton



Thirty years after JFK's death, many Americans see President Bill Clinton as a '90s version of the slain leader, a view Clinton has done much to encourage. (Photo: Rick Gerhardt)

presidency and its foul-ups (like on the gays in the military issue, for instance), insist that what we are seeing is indeed another president of the stature of John Kennedy. Camelot redux? Clearly, it is far too early to know, but the comparisons are unlikely to end soon.

#### Politics and People

Frank Jordan might not be the state's most exciting politician, but those who watched his debates last week on television against Supervisor Angela Alioto (I didn't) are telling me that Jordan should accept a debate offer with Alioto any time, any place. One big-name local Democrat (no fan of the mayor's, either) put it this way: "When you can make Frank Jordan look good, you're in really big trouble." He added that, in his opinion, "Angela's negatives went up ten percent" after Alioto-Jordan fracas on Channel 2 Friday morning.

State Attorney General Dan Lungren is reportedly telling Republicans all over the state that he will become Pete Wilson's successor as leader of the state's GOP. Well, move over Dan, more than a few GOP kingmakers and political writers are already saying that state Senator-Elect Tom Campbell, winner in Tuesday's special election in the 11th Senate District is the rising Republican star to watch.

And speaking of Republicans, if you thought you saw Eldridge Cleaver, the Black Panther Party leader and civil rights activist of the late 1960s, shopping at a Castro bookstore last Saturday, you probably did. Cleaver tells me that he is now a born-again Christian and a Republican. Why does it only seem natural he should be both?

Democrats in San Jose are a bit miffed at the fundraiser invitation sent out by Representative Norm Mineta, inviting them to "please join us in a tribute honoring Congressman Norman Y. Mineta" and signed by "co-chairs" Al Gore, Bruce Babbitt, and actor Robert Redford. Besides the hefty ticket price, Gore, Babbitt, and Redford don't even plan to be there; they — the Mineta people are quick to point out — are only honorary co-chairs.

Those at City Hall who are supposed to know these things are telling me that the big fight for president of the

board of supes the next time around will be between Carole Migden and Kevin Shelley. "This fight will not be pretty," predicts one City Hall old-timer.

Incidentally, I'm told that whichever sup (Migden or Shelley) becomes the next Board president, they'll immediately jump in the race for mayor against Jordan, Alioto, and God only knows who else.

Hardline, right-wing Republicans still want former Assemblyman Tom McClintock to take on Pete Wilson in next June's GOP primary, but the conservative Republican is reportedly more interested in running for controller. Meanwhile, openly gay Chief Deputy Secretary of State Tony Miller has hired Ron Gray to run the daily operations of his campaign to become secretary of state.

Speaker Willie Brown, D.A. Arlo Smith, Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, Supervisor Susan Leal, Mayor Jordan, State Senator Quentin Kopp, and Representative Lynn Woolsey will be among the "models" wearing creations by top San Francisco fashion designers at the November 11 show sponsored by the National Women's Political Caucus at The Indigo Ballroom, 915 Columbus, 8 p.m., with a no-host bar. A donation of \$75 is requested. Call 922-5004 for more information.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly is pushing legalized gambling casinos as a way to generate badly needed funds for her city — and why the hell not? Why not in San Francisco, for that matter? I have long thought we should have gambling casinos here in "everybody's favorite city" instead of the board of supes constantly raising taxes.

And to all those who've been calling yes, President Clinton will be at the Dianne Feinstein fundraiser November 12 (\$1,000 tix; 433-1333 for information).

David Powers, the 37-year-old gay activist who legally changed his name to Absolutely Nobody and ran for lieutenant governor of Washington state in 1991 (he received a surprising 130,114 votes), died of AIDS last week in Oakland. Powers will be missed by his many friends in the Bay Area.

Attorney General Dan Lungren, apparently trying to

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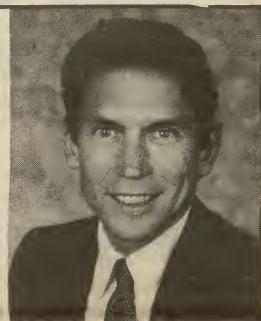


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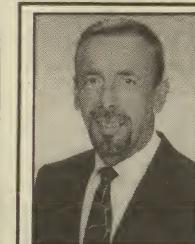
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# IGLHRC: More Than a Paper Trail

by Nancy Boutilier

In wading through that hefty voter's guide trying to decide how to vote on the alphabetical city and state propositions, it's easy to get locked into a kind of provincialism. And, although I have always been a fan of the slogan made popular by the Green Party — "Think Globally. Act Locally" — I have also realized that there may be reason to try to act globally as well.

For example, consider the work of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), pronounced "iggle-herk".

Founded in Moscow in 1990 by U.S. and Russian activists, IGLHRC's stated mission is to advocate "for a world in which the most fundamental rights of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and people with AIDS and HIV will be respected." To that end, IGLHRC monitors and documents violations of human rights, provides technical assistance and support to grassroots organizations around the world, and tries to raise public awareness of various situations so as to apply some political pressure.

All of these are pretty lofty goals, to be sure, but coordinating the myriad of projects are some very driven activists.

Executive Director Julie Dorf has at her fingertips, if not on the tip of her tongue,



IGLHRC Executive Director  
Julie Dorf.

the latest breaking news from all over the gay and lesbian globe. The IGLHRC office on Castro Street feels more like an information center than the headquarters of a commission. The shelves are lined

### Commentary

with magazine articles, often indexed according to country or continent, and files labeled with everything from "Korean AIDS Project" to "NAMBLA Shit" are piled up around the place.

After talking with Dorf for an hour, it appeared that she keeps the organization relatively high profile in the human rights world while doing the behind-the-scenes work, such as offering referrals, educating legislators, organizing activists, and issuing press releases.

IGLHRC's earliest work helped to convince Amnesty International to recognize and document the persecution of sexual minorities. IGLHRC's ability to provide documentation proved useful in a recent U.S. court decision granting political asylum to a gay man from Brazil. And Dorf also considers it a victory that her group's efforts helped to convince the State Department to issue new instructions to embassies abroad with the charge to include the persecution of gay men and lesbians in their annual human rights reports to Congress.

While the beneficiaries of IGLHRC's work are people, the means often is modern technology, namely, the fax machine. "This organization couldn't exist prior to the fax machine," said Dorf with a laugh. The office goes through about a roll of fax paper a day, and Dorf cherishes the excitement of her morning ritual of opening the door to a long trail of fax paper hanging from the machine, as if to remind her that "most of the world has been awake while we've been sleeping."

When I asked Dorf about some of IGLHRC's current campaigns, she provided me with answers as well as the documentation of events. An "Urgent Communication," dated September 28, was faxed in from the organizers of the Sixth Feminist Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, soliciting a letter campaign to protest the cancellation of the conference's hotel reservations due to lesbian-baiting by the right wing in El Salvador.

The next page is IGLHRC's call for "Immediate Action," which was faxed out the next day.

For every situation monitored, IGLHRC has a thorough paper trail, because in the world of human rights violations, documentation is the

yellow-brick road that may lead to changes in policies and lives. The facts and the fax add up to a chance for action.

Whether the issue is responsible tourism in Asia, U.S. immigration law, or death squads in Latin America murdering gay men and transvestites in the name of "social cleansing," Dorf wishes American activists would take greater notice of how gays and lesbians are living and what they are doing politically around the globe. "We don't think of our rights issues as being part of the international human rights movement," she said, adding that "there are a number of areas where we have a lot to learn from gay and lesbian movements elsewhere."

Dorf noted that sodomy law reform has occurred in seven countries over the past year, while U.S. activists have failed to muster "a significant campaign against sodomy laws."

She also believes that the "age of consent law has not been a significant agenda item" in the U.S. gay and lesbian movement, giving groups advocating for adult/child relationships a distinct advantage when the debate takes place in the mainstream media.

### In the Middle

Dorf recently found herself in the midst of that debate. She appeared on the *Larry King Show* with a representative from the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) and the editor of *Lambda Report*, a right-wing newsletter that claims to monitor "the homosexual agenda."

Dorf's television appearance was a result of IGLHRC's role as the action secretariat of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), a federation of nearly 400 gay and lesbian groups from over 30 countries.

Last July, after a contentious, divided vote, ILGA was granted status as a "non-governmental organization" at the United Nations, making it the first body representing lesbians and gay men to receive such recognition.

When anti-gay forces in the U.S. publicized the fact that NAMBLA is one of the 400 member organizations of ILGA, the U.N. decided to reconsider.

ILGA has been advised by representatives from several countries to disassociate itself from NAMBLA. In mid-October, ILGA issued a statement explaining that membership is established and denied through a majority vote by the membership at its annual conference. The statement went on to assert that "in no way is ILGA bound by, or will assume responsibility for, the policies or positions of its members on particular issues."

"NAMBLA has been able to manipulate us so well," said Dorf. "NAMBLA has a position — and it's the wrong one — and they are able to say, 'Can't a 14-year-old have sex with a 15-year-old?' and we get stuck."

Recognizing the power of homophobic mythology, Dorf says, "We're always on the de-

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# Queer and Feminist Activism in Eastern Europe

## ***Radical Women Holds Community Forum This Saturday***

by Angela Bocage

Radical Women, the international socialist feminist group headquartered on San Francisco's Valencia Street, is focusing attention on Eastern Europe this week. RW is presenting a buffet dinner spotlighting regional cuisine at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday, November 6, at the Women's Building, located at 3543 Eighteenth Street, followed by a community forum at 7:30. Seattle activist Su Döcekal, who returned this summer from a nine-week tour of Russia, Eastern Europe, and the Balkans, will be showing slides, sharing discoveries, and answering questions. Additionally, a traveling exhibit of poster art from these communities is on view at the Freedom Socialist Hall, 523-A Valencia Street, through November 5.

November 3.

Docekal met with feminists, lesbian/gay, and Jewish progressives, peace activists, scholars, trade unionists, Roma (Gypsy) and anti-Nazi organizers, and radicals in Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Poland, Russia, and Serbia. "All these countries," she reports, "had a gay organization. In most, the gay movement is now very new, and what's ironic is that right now on the one hand there's new political freedom to form gay organizations—but they are also now facing

an organized right wing.'

In a recent issue of *The Nation*, Katrina Van Der Heuel paints a chilling picture: the U.S. christian right is flooding Russia and Eastern Europe with dollars and propaganda for anti-sex, anti-gay, and anti-abortion "educational" campaigns that are eagerly welcomed by schools and public health agencies devastated by economic chaos. Doekal witnessed German women's angry response to these developments when she marched with them in a massive protest against their government's attempts to take away abortion rights; she states, "There is a home-grown right wing on the move as well, taking a couple of forms: a growing Nazi movement, and new pro-capitalist parties which bring with them a whole ideology of pushing women back into the home, an inherently anti-gay ideology."

## Making strength weakness

Docekal felt that no one questioned the strength of women in the places she visited; instead, pro-capitalist ideologues tried to turn that strength into a weakness. "Women there are more independent, better educated, more self-confident — it was obvious to us that generations in the work force contributed to that. Everyone acknowled-

edges that the women are strong, but the ideological attacks on women and gay claim [working] 'masculinizes women, and that male homosexuality exists just because the women are strong, justifying pushing women out of the work force".

work force."

While Russian activists from the Tchaikovsky Foundation cited pervasive homophobia as their single greatest obstacle, the biggest problem Docekal saw facing all the nascent women's and gay groups she encountered was economic crisis.

"Economic crisis is affecting everyone," she told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "For example, in Russia, there was always a lack of housing, but now rents are skyrocketing as well, speculation is rampant and lesbian and gay couples find it extremely difficult to get their own places, or even privacy. The economic crisis affects movement people, too; for example, copying literature is very expensive, there's no easy access to xerox machines, finding a meeting place can be difficult."

Lesbians, often active in both feminist and gay organizations, are especially vulnerable to economic pressures. "Women have lower wages, and there are a great many single mothers because up until about three years ago women had full employment, and social programs existed

for children, so women had the choice of raising children without men."

## **Gays hate Yeltsin**

Americans would be very surprised, according to Dokcekal, to see the degree the introduction of capitalist ways "has devastated people's standard of living," and surprised to see how strongly people are reacting against it. Amer-

Docekal admits that Americans are also surprised by her optimism; however, she says, "We got the sense that movements are taking off strong. They very much want to link up with activists in the West, with an especially urgent among feminist and lesbian and gay groups; there's an urgency to know what mistakes we've made, an urgency to get it right the first time."

In Russia, Docekal believes, there may be the most advanced potential for resistance. "The story isn't over — even Yeltsin's tanks, the crackdowns, the censorship, and martial law only shows how tenuous his grasp on power really is."

The U.S. christian right is flooding Russia and Eastern Europe with dollars and propaganda.

ican gays and lesbians would be surprised, too, she says, "to see how much gays and lesbians in Russia hate Yeltsin; they just had a huge victory this summer when parliament passed a law ending Stalin's anti-gay laws. This was the same parliament Yeltsin just attacked."

Jorge Cortinas is the program director of the International Gay/Lesbian Human Rights Campaign, an organization already working actively with gay/lesbian groups in Eastern Europe and around the world. Cortinas shares the view that some of the biggest hurdles gay activists face are economic, even where government restrictions may be easing. He cites frequent appeals to IGLHRC "for things like fax paper and condoms."

like fax paper, and condoms. He told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "It's true in many parts of the world. Cuba is an example; and I also just spoke

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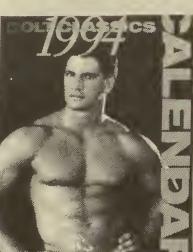
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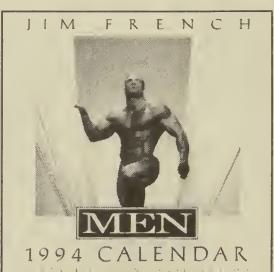
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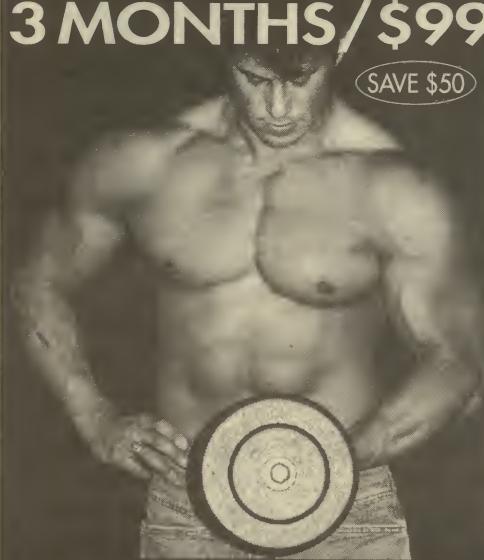
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## California News

# Lesbians Come Out In Force for Kathleen Brown

by Karen Ocambo

Lesbians were front and center — literally — at an October 29 fundraiser for State Treasurer Kathleen Brown, who is out on the hustings raising money for a run at the governorship.

ANGLE — Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality — sponsored eleven tables and ECCO — Elections Committee of the County of Orange — sponsored four, at the second most successful women-oriented political fundraiser ever. Lesbian attorney and ANGLE member Roberta Bennett is in Brown's kitchen cabinet; she and life partner Diane Abbott were the first of many lesbian couples listed together on the impressive program.

At \$150 a ticket, about 2,200 people, mostly women, attended the luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel — so many that Brown and sidekick Texas Governor Ann Richards took turns speaking before crowds in two separate rooms. They raised over \$325,000, about half of what Brown and Richards are expected to raise throughout the state as they take Brown's "energy for change" message on tour.

Brown made her entrance to the strains of Aretha Franklin's "Respect," setting the tone for the upbeat political speech to follow.

Weaned on "the cowgirl's guide to life," Brown said she will focus on the economy, education — "the old-fashioned basics ... common sense values," crime, and taking a "fresh look" at violence. She chastised Governor Pete Wilson for vetoing three bills that would have made hate crimes tougher — especially at a time, she said, when people of color and gays and lesbians are threatened. She will also urge individuals as well as businesses and communities to assume personal responsibility for changing California.

"[Our agenda] has to be about empowering our people, because they have lost their hope and confidence about how great California can be," Brown said.

She knows the race for governor will be tough: she told her husband that considering how much money will be spent to attack her, "next year is not going to be pretty."

Brown said she is pursuing the Democratic nomination because "I am ready, because



ANGLE's Christine Hershey (left) and Diane Abbott listen to State Treasurer and probable gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown speak at an LA October 29 fundraiser. (Photo: Karen Ocambo)

the cause is right and I know nothing ever happens if the time isn't right. Ann Richards proved it was right in Texas. I am determined to prove it here in California. It has been said that Ann has been through the fire and the fire lost. California needs the same kind of courage and common sense. I'm ready and I sense you're ready too."

**Ann Richards challenged the women in the room to ante up the amount of money they spent on the clothes and shoes they were wearing to the lunch.**

challenge Brown for the Democratic nomination.

Rather, Richards said, she is advocating for Brown because Brown is "one of the most remarkable leaders I have known. She's been a great public servant and will be a great chief executive officer for the state of California." But Richards also noted that the campaign will be tough and challenged the women in the room to ante up the amount of money they spent on the clothes and shoes they were wearing to the lunch.

Brown's prospective race was toughened over the weekend by circumstances out of her control. Because of the devastating fires that swept Southern California — more than 173,000 acres charred, 731 structures burned, at least \$500 million in damage — Garamendi and Wilson were all over the media giving instruction and advice, and assuring fire victims they would be taken care of. Doing their jobs gave the two expected Brown opponents much-needed credibility and visibility. Garamendi, incidentally, has considerable gay support including ANGLE member David Mixer.

Meanwhile, Brown says she is very grateful for lesbian and gay support. "The gay and lesbian community has been incredibly supportive," Brown told the B.A.R. "ANGLE was the first to endorse me. It means so much to me — I'll remember that when I'm in the governor's office."

The mere mention of Richards' name brought applause. And the crusty grandmother did not disappoint, although she noted "I'm not here to run or campaign against anyone" — a clear reference to State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi who is expected to challenge Brown for the Democratic nomination.

In contrast, Romania still has an anti-sodomy law on the books, Article 200, and its newsprint gay publication remains illegal. Men are still being arrested, beaten in custody, convicted under Article

200, and released with suspended sentences, according to recent information at IGLHRC. But Romania's recent admission to the European Council is a good sign; Cortinas explains, "They are technically in violation of [the European Council's] human rights provisions, which will now apply to them."

"Now IGLHRC will have a stronger position because of the Council of Europe's enforcement."

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to Ligma, the organization in Croatia. They're trying to get recognition as a legal group, so they could have a bank account, an address."

It was possible that the government was delaying approval for Ligma, Cortinas believes, but networking and "fortuitous timing" helped the

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# Meet Jordan's New Gay and Lesbian Liaison

by Dennis Conkin

Attorney and MBA Bob Oakes has been named by Mayor Frank Jordan as liaison to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and unofficial mayoral liaison to the lesbian and gay community.

Oakes, who coordinated the recent John Laird For Assembly campaign, was a Masters recipient in Business Administration graduate of California State University/Sacramento in 1991, and received a law degree from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento in 1990.

Oakes is also a one-time field deputy for U.S. Congressman Robert Matsui of Sacramento.

"With the Board of Supervisors, my role is twofold: to facilitate communication between the mayor and the board, and to advocate for the mayor's position on issues concerning the city," Oakes told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

In his position as an "informal liaison" to the lesbian and gay community, Oakes said that his job is to "be a conduit" through which concerns of the lesbian and gay community can be communicated to Jordan and his staffers, and "to provide a voice that is sensitive to lesbian and gay issues."

Oakes says that one of his first priorities will be to meet

with representatives of lesbian and gay groups throughout the city, and that he's already working on setting up a meeting for Jordan with physicians providing care to people with AIDS throughout San Francisco, to discuss additional funding available to the Health department that may be allocated to AIDS care.

"I also hope to set up meetings with non-profit service providers in the AIDS community," he told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Oakes said that a crucial area of his concern is to provide "maximum service at minimum cost" to people with AIDS in a city faced with serious budget woes.

#### Adequate representation

Another area in which Oakes intends to be actively involved is recommending appointments to various city commissions and posts, to ensure that the lesbian and gay community is adequately represented.

"This Mayor has appointed more lesbians and gays to commissions that any other mayor in this history of the City. He remains committed to appointing more lesbians and gays as positions open, and I will assist in identifying people who can serve honorably," Oakes told the *B.A.R.*. Jordan's had a lot of bum

press in recent months, Oakes acknowledges, and says that one of his roles will be to "articulate the facts." One of those facts, he says, is that Jordan is sensitive to the needs of the lesbian and gay community.

"If any member of the lesbian and gay community has a question, I want them to feel comfortable to come to me and get some answers. It's clear we're not always going to agree with some members of the lesbian and gay community, but everybody's entitled to an fair, open, honest discussion and an opportunity to be heard," Oakes said.

With a legal background in alternative dispute resolution and conflict management, Oakes says that he's well suited to the rough and tumble politics that characterize San Francisco and he's well aware of the often fractious local lesbian and gay political scene.

"My goal is to treat people with integrity and respect and honesty, and if they return it, great. If they don't, I don't have anything to lose sleep over," he said.

Oakes said that a lot of his perspective was established by caring for his brother, who died of AIDS. Oakes is one of three gay children in a five-child family.

"My older brother and my sister are straight," he said. Of his two gay brothers, one



Bob Oakes, Mayor Jordan's unofficial liaison to the lesbian and gay community and official liaison to the Board of Supervisors. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

died last year of AIDS.

Oakes says that caring for that brother as he was dying made him aware of what's really important in his life — and what isn't. But, he says, his goal has always been to work in San Francisco politics.

"It's always been my dream. Frank Jordan provided the opportunity. He has expressed faith in my ability and I'm convinced of his sincerity in assisting members of the lesbian and gay community," Oakes said.

Oakes replaces lesbian activist Jean Harris in his position as unofficial liaison to the lesbian and gay community. Harris has moved to the Health Department as a lobbyist. ▼

## Friday

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curry favor with the Christian fundamentalists, became the only state officeholder to come out for Prop. 174 in Tuesday's election. Lungren, no friend of the gay and lesbian community, is obviously hoping to cement his credentials as the leader of the GOP's dominant conservative wing.

Last week's Field Poll showed Dianne Feinstein way ahead of Representative Michael Huffington, the multimillionaire Republican who is likely to be her general election opponent next November. According to the poll, Feinstein leads Huffington by a 26-percent margin, 53-27.

Rumors have President Clinton about to name Berkeley Mayor Loni Hancock to a federal post in Washington at the Department of Education.

Assessor Doris Ward pulled no punches concerning her support for Mayor Frank Jordan at the big Fairmont luncheon for him last Thursday. Ward's pro-Jordan speech was one of the strongest of the day.

Don't forget to buy the new AIDS awareness stamp, going on sale December 1, for your holiday cards this year. The Postal Service has announced that it will also sell AIDS stamp lapel pins to non-profit organizations at cost and will waive its licensing fee for groups that want to use the design on products such as T-shirts and mugs. ▼

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# Martina Announces Her Plans To Retire

by Roxie Rosen

How to find Martina Navratilova these days: Gay Games fundraisers in New York City, the National March on Washington, or summertime at an undisclosed Aspen, Colorado, tennis club. Pick up any tennis magazine and see articles about her. A mention of her in almost every lesbian or gay magazine or newspaper. But if you want to see her play tennis, do it now. She's playing in the Bank of the West Classic Tennis Tournament at the Oakland Coliseum.

She's currently ranked the number three women's tennis player in the world. She's exciting. When she rushes the net her hair flies back like a lion's mane. She can make a tennis ball do all sorts of strange and unpredictable things.

But after the 1994 season is over, Navratilova will retire. "Why?" wonder Navratilova fans.

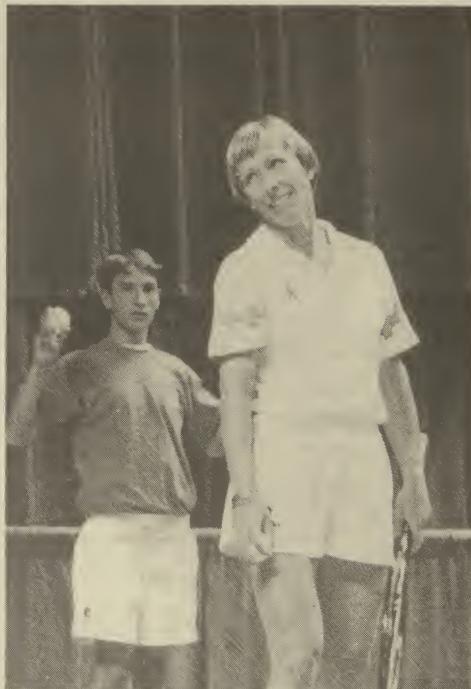
"Why not?" Navratilova asked reporters after winning her first Bank of the West Classic match against Marianne Werdel, former Stanford star. "When am I supposed to decide — in the middle of the year? Last year? There's no particular reason, other than my heart told me this is it."

What a career for Navratilova. It's her 19th year on the tour, she's won a zillion things, including the Bank of the West Classic four times.

She played a close match against Werdel, though. She had to work the victory. "I made it exciting tonight," said Navratilova, after the Tuesday, November 2, defeat of Werdel, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). "It's hard to give it all you've got in the first round, because there's not that much left for later on, but sometimes you have to."

Navratilova's finesse and experience played a crucial factor in her victory. She had a knack for finding Werdel's weak spots. Finesse may be a large part of her game, but after 19 years on the tour, she serves really hard. Her serves zoomed in on Werdel, with an unpredictability reminiscent of stealth bombers: floating this way and that, finding an unexpected corner of the court, often catching Werdel confused. Match statistics showed Navratilova winning 69 percent of her first serves, to 59 percent of Werdel's.

It was a tight match, though. Werdel often drew Navratilova up to the net and



Tennis great and lesbian legend Martina Navratilova gets ready to serve to Stanford's Marianne Werdel in Tuesday night's first-round match of the Bank of the West Classic. Martina defeated Werdel in an exciting contest.

(Photo: Darlene/Photographics)

popped the next ball behind her, or too far out of her reach. Some fans cheered for Werdel, but most of the audience kept yelling "Go Martina," after a close point.

On the match's final point, Navratilova's match point ace caught Werdel off-guard. "She was expecting the slice out wide," said Navratilova. "I said, okay, go for it [down the middle]. If I make it, it will be good."

Navratilova nailed the ball down the middle.

She knew exactly what might work and she went for it.

Navratilova is, at 37, the oldest player on the women's professional tour. She's got a mental edge honed from experience over many of the other players. After defeating Werdel, she said, "Age and treachery will overcome youth and inexperience every time." But then added, "It's not quite true, but it helps."

Navratilova loves the game of tennis so much, she's stayed at the top of her game, and she still enjoys to practice. She says she and her coach laugh frequently while they practice. When a male reporter asked her how much she'd declined since her peak, she hit him back with, "That's an insult. I mean, I'm ranked number three in the world, I was number two a couple weeks ago. How much have I lost, one spot, two spots?"

She attributes some of her tennis success to training at other sports. She told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "Doing another sport will help you in those funny situations on the court and, if you fall — if you play soccer or ice hockey — you know how to fall. I've seen more players sprain their ankles because they don't know how to fall."

Fans still have time to watch Navratilova's top-of-the-line tennis game. She,

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## National News

# Amendment T

by Kathy Deitsch

Sights of relief reverberated in a Denver courtroom on Friday, October 22, as the trial of Colorado's notorious Amendment Two was gavelled into recess. Eight days of grueling and tedious testimony had been presented, homosexuality had been scrutinized, and the 1992 campaign was relieved. At issue: could an identifiable group of persons be denied rights by a majority of voters?

Judge H. Jeffrey Bayless ruled in January that Amendment Two could not take effect until a trial was held on its constitutional merits. In that decision Bayless reminded Coloradans that the law must change with the times.

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton immediately appealed the Bayless decision to the Colorado Supreme Court.

## 'Suspect Class' Struggle

by Kathy Deitsch

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the Amendment 2 case are believed to be the first to put on testimony as to why gay, lesbians, and bisexuals qualify as a "suspect class." The Colorado Supreme Court said in its July ruling that gays were "fenced out" by Amendment Two and the state would be held to a "strict scrutiny" test to show a "compelling" need for this law.

To demonstrate a "history of discrimination" the plaintiffs called Professor George Chauncey, who focused on gays in the U.S. and their historical struggles for equality dating back to 17th Century colonists. The University of Chicago professor highlighted the disparate "treatment" methods used to change homosexual behavior.

On the issue of "immutable characteristics," another test of heightened scrutiny, Dr. Richard Green of UCLA discussed his area of specialty, the "cause" of homosexuality. Green said homosexual orientation is not consciously chosen, rather a basic part of an individual's psycho-social development set by age six. He testified that attempts to "reorient" one's sexuality have not been very successful.

On a similar note, Dr. Dean Hammer of the National Cancer Institute in Rockville, Maryland, discussed his research on the genetic links to sexual orientation. Although his research has not been duplicated, Hammer testified that sexual orientation is predisposed by genetic make-up and highly resistant to change.

Finally, Professor Ken Sherrill of Hunter College discussed the political powerlessness of gays and how that creates disadvantages for a minority and hinders both access to the process and redress of grievances. ▼

## Bigotry Salesman Takes the Stand For Amendment Two

by Kathy Deitsch

Will Perkins, the Colorado Springs auto dealer and leader of the anti-gay group Colorado For Family Values (CFV), testified during the Amendment Two trial that he believed he was telling Colorado voters the truth about homosexuals.

The following quotes are excerpted from the cross examination of Perkins by plaintiffs' attorney Jeanne Winer.

JW: When you sent out various pieces of literature to Colorado voters you were trying to persuade them to vote yes on Amendment Two, isn't that correct?

WP: I think that's a fair statement.

JW: And a fair amount of this information came from and was actually written by Dr. Paul Cameron, isn't that true?

WP: He was one of the sources we used.

JW: For instance, he wrote a pamphlet entitled *The Medical Consequences Of What Homosexuals Do*, isn't that correct?

WP: That's correct.

JW: And you sent that out?

WP: Yes, we did.

JW: Dr. Cameron supplied you with information and statistics regarding how often homosexuals molest children, didn't he?

WP: That was referred to in some of his literature.

JW: And you sent out a brochure written by Dr. Cameron entitled *Is God Right About Sex*, isn't that right?

WP: I think we did.

JW: And of course you understood that hundreds of thousands of voters in Colorado were depending on you for the facts, isn't that correct?

WP: [No verbal response].

JW: They were depending on your literature to be accurate and to be fact-filled, isn't that correct?

WP: I hope President Clinton is never put in this position: we were attempting to win the election and present the information we had, we wanted it to be honest and factual as far as we could determine, and that's what we used in our campaign.

JW: And as far as you understood it the voters of Colorado expected you to do that and to tell the truth, isn't that correct?

WP: I'm not positive that voters expect campaigners to tell the truth, but we attempted to do that.

JW: They were relying on you for reliable information in order to decide whether to vote yes or no on Amendment 2, isn't that correct?

WP: I think voters who are appraising a political campaign rely on a lot of information and possibly rely more on information other than what proponents of a particular position take, but there may be some that felt like the only way they ought to resource this issue was to listen to us, I hope that's true.

JW: And so you told the voters of Colorado that heterosexuals commit a majority of child molestations — but homosexuals, though only two percent of the population according to the most reliable studies, commit between one quarter and one third of molestations — a remarkable percentage considering their small numbers. You wrote that in your pamphlet *Stop Special Class Status*. And of course you never personally conducted any studies on child molestations, did you?

WP: No, I have to admit I never personally conducted an experimentation.

JW: In one letter you sent out September 1992, you wrote the following: "Dear CFV supporters, I must be frank with you, the brochure enclosed along with this letter contains graphic, disgusting facts about the sexual acts homosexual practice among themselves." You wrote that didn't you sir?

WP: I signed the letter, yes.

JW: And the brochure you attached was written by Dr. Cameron, wasn't it?

WP: I think it was.

JW: And this brochure, entitled *The Medical Consequences Of What Homosexuals Do*, was sent out to thousands and thousands of Colorado voters, wasn't it?

WP: We sent it out to as many as we could afford, I don't know what the numbers were.

JW: And in this brochure, Dr. Cameron writes under the section entitled oral sex, "homosexuals fellate almost all of their sexual contacts (and ingest semen from about half of these). Semen contains many of the germs carried in the blood. Because of this, gays who practice oral sex verge on consuming raw human blood with all its medical risks." And he also wrote under fecal sex, "about 80 percent of gays ... admit to licking and/or inserting their tongues into the anus of partners and thus ingesting medically significant amounts of feces. Those who eat or swallow in at are probably at even greater risk."

That was in the pamphlet too, wasn't it?

WP: That's why we said it contained disgusting information.

JW: And as far as you're concerned, Dr. Paul Cameron is an expert, who is reliable, accurate, and scientific. Isn't that correct?

WP: Yes, that's correct.

JW: And in a different educational pamphlet written by Dr. Cameron that you sent out to thousands of Colorado voters, Dr. Cameron writes "the typical sexual practices of homosexuals are a medical horror story. Imagine exchanging saliva, feces, semen, and or blood with dozens of different men each year, imagine drinking urine, ingesting feces, and experiencing rectal trauma on a regular basis. Often these encounters occur when the participants are drunk, high on drugs, and/or in an orgy setting." You sent that under your CFV logo to thousands of Colorado voters, didn't you sir?

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# It Two Goes on Trial

In a 6-1 decision last July, the higher court stayed the decision and said that equal participation in the political process is a fundamental right of citizenship. The right applies to all citizens who have been denied full participation, not simply those who are members of traditionally "suspect classes such as racial or ethnic minorities." Amendment Two "fences out" a class, in this case gays, and if it is to be held constitutional it must be subject to strict judicial scrutiny.

## No compelling need

The court said, at that stage of the proceedings, the state had not offered any compelling interest to justify enactment.

Shortly after that decision Norton announced she intended to appeal the Colorado Supreme Court's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. At the same time she asked Bayless to set aside the October trial on the constitutional merits of the case until the Supreme Court decided if it would review the case. Bayless refused, saying he had doubts the federal justices would listen so early in the case. He said the trial would move forward as scheduled.

On Monday, November 1, Bayless was proved correct when the high court officially refused to hear the case. As is customary, the justices made no comment; it is reported that they receive nearly 6,000

requests a year, granting only about 100. Norton said she believed the case met the guidelines for acceptance.

During the two-week trial, plaintiffs argued that Amendment 2 lacks a rational basis for the unique burdens it places on gays, that it furthers private bias, and that deep-seated hatred toward gays, based on "illegitimate prejudices and cultural myths" is not a legitimate justification for Amendment 2. Plaintiffs also argued that the state did not present a compelling governmental interest to justify violating the equal participation of gays and lesbians in the political process.

## Are gay people suspect?

To date gays, lesbians and bisexuals have not been found to constitute either a suspect or quasi-suspect class, legally speaking; to do so, homosexuals must show a history of discrimination, possess "immutable" characteristics, and be politically powerless. Plaintiffs offered testimony as to why they believe they meet the criteria for heightened or strict scrutiny, and have asked the court to review classifications based on sexual orientation contained in Amendment 2 with special care. [See sidebar, "Suspect Class Struggle."]

Lead counsel Jean Dubofsky argued in closing that "gays and lesbians are not asking for protection from discrimination, just the right

to ask for that protection if necessary." She told the court that if Amendment 2 goes into effect, gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in Colorado "will be without political power."

The state, on the other hand, claimed the case was not about "hate and bigotry," but about "drawing the line." Solicitor General Tim Tymkovich emphasized that those determinations should be made by members of society, rather than judges. He argued that society at large has always regulated issues of sexual behavior and Amendment 2 removes government's involvement until "a popular consensus emerges." The voters of Colorado said last November "that public policy should not be extended to this particular group."

## "Deeply rooted" bigotry

In closing arguments, Tymkovich said sexual orientation and the scope of the law goes to the heart of how we see our society and how we believe we should enforce discrimination laws. Compelling interests define circumstances where government may act: they are those societal interests that are "implicit in the concept of ordered liberty" and are "deeply rooted in this nation's history and tradition."

Gays and lesbians are a "politically powerful group," he claimed, and they are us-

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WP: That's correct. Do you have a problem with that?  
JW: I think some people do, sir.

Now, [regarding] Dr. Cameron, who you consider to be reliable, accurate and scientific: it doesn't matter to you that he was dropped from the American Psychological Association for a violation of the preamble to the ethical principles of Psychologists, does it?

WP: I know about those things but no, that did not make us discount what he had to say.

JW: And it didn't matter to you that he was censored by the Nebraska Psychological Association which formerly disassociated itself from his representations and interpretations of scientific literature and his writings and public statements on sexuality. That didn't make any difference to you either did it?

WP: He's a licensed psychologist in Nebraska.

JW: And it didn't matter to you that Dr. Cameron was condemned by the American Sociological Association, for "his consistent misrepresentations of sociological research." That didn't matter either, did it?

WP: I'm aware that the homosexual proponents are not fans of Dr. Cameron.

JW: And it didn't matter to you that a federal district court judge found that he had distorted and misrepresented data on homosexuality and child molestation, did it?

WP: I'm not familiar with that particular charge.

JW: That wouldn't change your mind about Dr. Cameron either, would it?

WP: I said I'm not familiar with that particular charge, I can't comment on it.

JW: It doesn't matter to you that Dr. Cameron's ideas on homosexuality are in complete opposition to the American Psychological Association, the Psychiatric Association and the Psychoanalytical Association.

WP: One thing I've learned is that experts are in the eye of the beholder on this issue.

JW: And as far as you're concerned, Dr. Cameron is a reliable expert and that's why you used his materials to help persuade the voters of Colorado to vote yes on Amendment Two. Is that correct?

WP: That's correct.

JW: And you, yourself are not a medical doctor, are you sir?

WP: No, I'm not.

JW: And you are not a psychologist either, are you?

WP: No, I'm not.

JW: And you don't have a masters in psychology either, do you?

WP: That's correct.

JW: Not even a bachelors in psychology?

WP: Not even a bachelors, I didn't even take a class in college.

JW: You, you sell cars?

WP: [With emphasis] I'm a good car salesman.

JW: I bet you are, sir! ▼



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ing this case to acquire "legal classification for civil rights protections." [See sidebar, "Bigotry in Brief"]

If Amendment Two were to take effect, it would make all existing anti-discrimination ordinances, laws, regulations, and policies in Colorado unenforceable and prohibit any entity from enacting any such laws in the future. It would prohibit "any branch or level" of state government, including the judiciary, from enforcing "a claim of discrimination" on the basis of homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual orientation. Gay and gay-positive political activists could still propose laws through a statewide ballot initiative, which are adopted by popular vote.

Prior to the recess, Judge Bayless gave no indication when he would reach a decision. Both sides believe the issue will be ultimately decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. ▼

[Kathy Deitsch is a freelance writer living in Denver who is writing a book on the passage of Amendment Two.]

## Bigotry in Brief

The state of Colorado's trial brief on Amendment Two discusses issues of public morality and the protection of order as compelling interests to justify enactment of Amendment Two. More specifically, the state lists six other interests that it believes validates the Amendment:

- Deters factionalism. The Amendment "eliminates city-by-city and county-by-county battles over the political issue of homosexuality" and promotes statewide uniformity. Plaintiffs argue it also eliminates "homerule."

- Preserves the integrity of the state's political functions. To determine Amendment Two unconstitutional would directly alter and undermine a republican form of government; in this case, the people's power to pass their own laws.

- Allows the state to remedy discrimination by focusing the state's limited resources on "authentic minorities."

- Ensures that government does not force private persons to subscribe to or advance particular political beliefs; in this case, the "gay agenda." The state offered an example: if a landlord is forced to rent to a gay couple, the landlord is being forced to accept an ideology.

- Amendment Two prevents government from interfering with the personal, familial, and religious privacy. In other words, parents need to be free to provide religious training and pass on moral values to their children. To do otherwise would undermine the traditional family.

- The state has an undeniable interest in promoting the physical and psychological well-being of children. Amendment Two, the state said, will protect gay youth and "avert their unnecessary suffering" by not lending government's voice to the debate.

Plaintiffs presented evidence at trial that Amendment Two does not "promote morality," it does not "promote public health," and it does not "cure" homosexuality. Neither does it protect "authentic minorities," or "prevent the sexual molestation of children."

Finally, plaintiffs said, Amendment Two is not rationally related to a legitimate governmental purpose, and in fact reflects private bias and hostility toward lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. ▼

—Kathy Deitsch

## Why Attorney General Norton Hates Gay Men

by Kathy Deitsch

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton is one of the state's more visible outspoken champions of Amendment Two. A Republican, Norton is rumored to be considering a run for Governor. She was elected to her current position in 1990, and has served in an advisory capacity to both Reagan and Bush. In March 1993, the Heritage Foundation named Norton to its newest Advisory Council on

Regulatory Reform.

The Washington-based foundation has its beginnings in "new right activism," and was bankrolled in the early 1970s by Joe Coors. Jeffrey Coors serves on the same advisory board with Norton and is one of Joe's five sons.

According to *Outfront*, a gay publication in Colorado, Norton entered law school in 1975 at the University of Denver. Reportedly, she married in that same year and later divorced in 1978, one week be-

fore Christmas. *Outfront* reports that Norton and her husband divorced due to "unhappy differences." They had no children.

Gallegos and *Outfront* claim Norton divorced a gay man. Gallegos wrote in the May 19, 1993, edition that "Norton's ex-husband lives with another man in Northwest Denver where they operate a business from their home." ▼

## Dykeotomy

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fensive, insisting we're not pedophiles."

For all the victories that the staff at IGLHRC feels they have had a hand in, there remains much to be done. "There's no time to be pro-active, to be strategic. I am constantly reacting to crisis, emergency, and attack." And, like all non-profit organizations these days, IGLHRC is limited by money more than by opportunity. "The world is big. We have to say 'no' to urgent cases in far away places because we can't afford to do it all."

But IGLHRC continues to spread the word, in the hope that others will decide to take action. An IGLHRC "Action Alert" newsletter lists opportunities for armchair global activism. Capitalizing on the theory that the embarrassment caused by international outrage often shapes national policy, organizations like IGLHRC continue to challenge us to extend the limits of our citizenship. ▼

*[The opinions of editorial columnists do not necessarily represent the views of the B.A.R.]*

# Supreme Court Upholds Pentagon's Right To Discriminate

by Karen Ocam

On Friday, October 29, the U.S. Supreme Court swept aside a broad lower court's ruling that would have allowed gays to fully participate in the military until the constitutionality of the ban against gays is decided.

The high court's action was in response to an appeal by the Clinton Administration to remove an order issued by U.S. District Court Judge Terry Hatter forbidding the military from taking "any actions whatsoever" against gays. On October 26, U.S. Solicitor General Drew Days filed an "emergency request" to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the justices to consider three main points, according to an article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

First: that judges have historically deferred to the military in setting rules for personnel. "It is firmly established that courts owe great deference to the considered professional judgement of the appropriate military officials." He cited previous court rulings.

Second: that the nation's highest elected officials — the President and Congress — gave an enormous amount of time and attention" to the issue and drafted a compromise policy. "It's implementation should not be thwarted by a single district court," Days wrote.

Third: Hatter "seriously erred" by converting a single lawsuit into the law of the land. Since Meinhold did not file a class action lawsuit, Days contended, Hatter had no jurisdiction beyond the single case.

There is ample concern over whether the quick and unanimous ruling by the justices reflects how they may rule in the expected constitutionality suit. John McGuire, Meinhold's attorney, says he views this as a "limited issue" on a procedural matter over a District Court judge exceeding his authority. Additionally, McGuire says, "It just confirms what we already know — that the court gives the military a lot of leeway."

Amy Brown, attorney for Navy Reserve officer Lieutenant Zoe Dunning, is "trying not to be too reactionary and read too much into" the high court's decision. "I look at it purely as an issue of the Supreme Court ruling on what they view a proper use of district court's power to be," she says. "They're telling district judges not to overreach and to use more judicial restraint."

The fact that the justices could have also lifted the stay of discharge in Meinhold's individual case, she thinks, is a good sign: "It could have been worse." She is currently preparing papers to block probable military procedures to discharge Dunning or place her in "military purgatory" of



One good man: Marine Sergeant Justin Elzie is temporarily still on active duty thanks to a judge's reprieve.

inactive reserve.

David Smith, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, agrees. "On one hand it's a victory for the movement because it's a victory for Keith Meinhold. Each person who continues to serve openly undermines the military's argument that a gay or lesbian negatively impacts moral and unit cohesion," he says. "On the other hand, we're definitely angry because the Supreme Court has bought the government's argument."

Meanwhile, Marine Sergeant Justin Elzie, who returned to active duty under Hatter's more sweeping order, won a temporary legal reprieve on November 1 when a U.S. District judge barred his return to inactive reserve status.

Right now the military is operating under a directive issued by Secretary of Defense Les Aspin on October 1, which outlines the Clinton Administration's "don't ask/don't tell" policy. However, legal experts point out, neither Aspin nor the Pentagon have yet issued a list of regulations and guidelines of how those regulations are to be enforced.

Currently, the Defense Authorization Act, which contains a revised version of the military ban, has passed Congress but has not yet found its way to the President's desk. Meinhold's case is expected to reach the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in December, and a U.S. appeals court in Washington, D.C., is expected to rule on Joseph Stephan's case shortly. ▼



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### HIV News

# Old Myths Challenged by New Women's Health Studies

by Angela Bocage

Two health studies focusing on lesbian and bisexual women released by the San Francisco AIDS Office in October brought a sobering message about the presence and growth potential of AIDS in the women's community. The fact that 1.2 percent of the women surveyed were HIV-positive, three times the figure the Health Department estimates for the female population at large, and the prevalence of behaviors that raise the risk of transmission, made headlines. Even beyond the wake-up call those particular results represent, however, the studies' findings challenge several myths about lesbians and bisexual women.

Anyone still complacent in the belief that the women's movement vanquished economic inequality need look no further than the AIDS Office Prevention Services Branch study, *Health Behaviors Among Lesbian and Bisexual Women: A Community Based Survey*, for a dash of unpleasant reality.

Respondents were seriously underemployed and underpaid. The survey sample was highly educated, with 61 percent having a college degree, some graduate study, or a graduate or professional degree. Almost one in five were currently in school or taking classes. Nevertheless, the study reveals an unemployment rate of 16 percent. 62 percent of women were employed full-time and 22 percent in part-time positions, but 78 percent earned less than \$30,000 a year, with 54 percent under \$20,000 and 24 percent under \$10,000.

#### Why employment matters

Delia Garcia, the health program manager at Prevention Services, directed all phases of the projects. She commented, "The education levels may be high, but women are not making enough money, not when they are going to the emergency room at a high rate as a way of accessing health care."

Garcia connects the economic pressures on women to another area studied by the survey: how and where do women get healthcare? Both Garcia and Dr. George Lemp, principal investigator of the AIDS Office's other new survey on HIV seroprevalence and risk in women, agree that the relatively low levels of employment and income cited above help explain the 41 percent reporting Emergency Room visits as a way of getting health needs met.

Lemp also linked underemployment and low income with the uninsured status of 36 percent of the sample, noting that lack of insurance can pressure women to seek health services at an ER.

Another myth was challenged when the survey revealed that while the type of individual practitioner most frequently consulted was a private physician (as opposed to alternative health practitioners) the type of medical facility most frequently utilized was a women's clinic. That women's clinics are frequently targets of right wing violence around abortion may not seem like an issue for lesbian/bi women, but when five clinics have been destroyed by arson or bombing since September of this year, and when such clinics are a primary source of health care for our community, the issue becomes clear.

For Garcia, it raised further questions: "We don't know if in fact fewer of the women we surveyed are utilizing these clinics now. Prior to the right wing attacks on clinics, we were even more using

become parents.

Sampling procedures for this study included recruiting women at street fairs, lesbian/bisexual events, night clubs, and sex clubs, after focus groups were conducted to determine "where lesbian and bisexual women, including ethnic sub-groups, congregate, socialize, and hang out." Thus, the study's authors say, "The resulting sample can best be described as representative of *socially active* lesbian and bisexual women in San Francisco." (Italics theirs.)

If in this relatively young (median age 30.6, with 50 percent 18-29), definitely social population almost two thirds plan to parent, would we find even more interest in children if we surveyed the "general" lesbian/bisexual population? "Probably," says Garcia, but she cautions that the unknown donor or medical insemination methods preferred by 62 percent of the women planning pregnancies are "a costly endeavor, and there are limited resources available."

#### "Ask more questions"

Despite the cost, "The whole issue of health care access and parenting is becoming a big issue, on the rise for lesbians and gay men. There are more and more lesbians who are, if not considering it, already seeking to get pregnant." Once again, Garcia sees further questions to be asked: "Why are people choosing to parent or be sexual in one way or another? We could go much deeper, try different kinds of questions."

In fact, for Garcia, as welcome as the new studies are, and as rich in new information, the surveys represent "A start," because so much remains to be learned. "All this costs money; if we don't [do follow-up studies], maybe others will get the idea, and because of these studies do more work in the lesbian and bisexual women's community."

Finally, a myth that has been slow to die is the one that says AIDS' impact has been negligible in the women's community. Almost nine out of ten women surveyed report otherwise: 87 percent say the epidemic impact on their lives has been serious and personal. As Virg Parks of ACT UP Golden Gate's Treatment Issues Committee points out, "A large percentage of women are also saying they *know* women with AIDS."

Parks would like to get beyond acknowledging that women get AIDS. "The fact that there are lesbians with AIDS has overshadowed the fact that lesbians are living and dying with AIDS," she said. "Let's talk about the care and support issues for lesbians with HIV, the fact that lesbians with HIV have been made to feel like pariahs in our own communities. That may be changing in San Francisco, but in Austin, Texas?" ▼

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# The Real Yerba Buena: Marijuana as Medicine

by Dan Medynski

Medical and legal authorities are finally loosening their grip on marijuana as a controlled illegal drug and acknowledging its legitimate value as a medicinal plant. Specifically, marijuana has received medical approval as a useful medical treatment to stimulate the appetite of AIDS patients suffering from the pernicious effects of wasting syndrome and to ameliorate the nausea caused by AZT therapy. It has also been used to relieve ocular pressure caused by the eye disease glaucoma, the muscular spasticity of multiple sclerosis, and the nausea induced by cancer chemotherapy.

According to Dennis Peron, Director of Americans for Compassionate Use, Dr. Phil Lee, Undersecretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, has initiated action at the federal level to reclassify marijuana from a Class I drug to a Class II drug. Class I drugs are considered dangerous and have no medical value, while Class II drugs are acknowledged to have medicinal applications. On the home front, both chambers of the California State Legislature passed the Medical Marijuana Resolution (SJR 8) in August, urging the President and the Congress of the United States to permit cannabis/marijuana to be prescribed by physicians.

Next Tuesday, November 9, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will hold hearings on making the arrest or prosecution of those involved in the possession or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes the Police Department's lowest priority.

The *Bay Area Reporter* decided to take a closer look at the medical uses of marijuana, its side effects, and the best way to use marijuana medicinally.

#### Medicinal uses

The principal uses of marijuana by people with AIDS would be to stimulate appetite and to relieve the nausea and vomiting caused by anti-HIV drugs and cancer chemotherapeutic agents. In a San Francisco study involving 12 patients, implemented by Dr. Paul Volberding and others to stimulate appetite and prevent weight loss due to the "wasting away" syndrome that frequently accompanies opportunistic infections, the physicians reported a median weight loss of 2.1 pounds per month prior to treatment with dronabinol (Marinol), a prescription drug

containing the principle psychoactive component of marijuana, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and a median weight gain of 1.2 pounds per month after three months of therapy. The net change was 3.3 pounds per month (AIDS 6: 127-138 [1992]). Other studies also support the use of Marinol to stimulate appetite and promote weight gain.

Marijuana has been used successfully to prevent the vomiting and nausea that accompany cancer chemotherapy. AZT, which was once tested as an anti-cancer agent, and is now used as a "front line" treatment to block HIV replication, causes nausea in

**There is no clinical evidence to support the contention that marijuana precipitates a decline in T-cell number or decreases T-cell proliferation in HIV patients.**

many individuals. According to Peron, many individuals suffering from AIDS find that AZT-induced nausea subsides after smoking marijuana. A survey of members of the American Society of Clinical Oncologists found that almost half of the survey respondents would prescribe marijuana to some of their patients, and 54 percent thought marijuana should be available by prescription (Journal of Clinical Oncology 9:1314-1319 [1991]).

#### Side effects

A natural concern of individuals contemplating the medicinal use of marijuana is of its side effects due to chronic use. Some concern has been expressed about possible immunosuppressive effects of marijuana. Although test tube studies have demonstrated that THC decreased the number of T-cell growth



factor (IL2) receptors in a cultured cell line, there is no clinical evidence to support the contention that marijuana precipitates a decline in T-cell number or decreases T-cell proliferation in HIV patients using marijuana under a physician's guidance, according to Dr. Todd Mikuria, a clinical psychiatrist and authority on medical uses of marijuana. On the contrary, he emphasizes its positive role in restoring a normal appetite: essential, along with balanced nutrition, in maintaining a strong and responsive immune system.

Mikuria issued a cautionary note to patients suffering from the lung infection Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP): smoke inhalation may damage an already impaired respiratory system. Furthermore, sporadic reports of fungal infections by *Aspergillus* due to smoke aggravation have occurred. He suggested that individuals in such a predicament resort to using the pill form of THC, Marinol, or a vaporization device to heat rather than burn THC to 318 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature at which it as-

sumes a gaseous form.

It was once reported that chronic use of cannabinoids caused abnormal structural changes in sperm and lowered circulating levels of the male sex hormone, testosterone, resulting in decreased sexual libido. Subsequent studies involving moderate doses of cannabinoids did not support these contentions. The later studies reported that while sperm production was lower than in non-users, there was no evidence of abnormal sperm morphology or reduced fertility; serum testosterone levels were normal (Pharmacological Reviews 38: 1-20 [1986]).

To smoke or not to smoke?

Concerns about the harmful effects of carcinogenic inhalants in marijuana smoke can be circumvented by using THC in pill form, Marinol, or by filtering the smoke through a water pipe. Chemical analysis of water-filtered marijuana smoke has established that two of three carcinogens in the smoke were transferred to the water and removed from the water-fil-

tered smoke when a "bong" was used. Most of the THC passed through the water filter unchanged. Furthermore, the water filter removes other psychoactive components that cause catatonia and reduce spontaneous motor activity.

Proponents of smoking marijuana maintain that they prefer this method of taking the drug because they can titrate the dosage effects to personal taste. Marinol, they maintain, is dispensed at a rather high dose, resulting in over-medication and needless financial expense. Further, some of the beneficial psychotropic effects of marijuana are derived from components other than THC, the only cannabinoid included in Marinol.

Proponents of Marinol, on the other hand, argue that they prefer this method of taking the drug because of the carefully controlled quality and consistency of the manufactured product, and because of its ready availability by prescription. They include those who prefer a smokeless environment or are adherents of the campaign against cigarette smoking. ▼

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## Obituaries

### Michael Stewart Brooks

April 29, 1950–Oct. 23, 1993

Mickey was 43 when he died from complications of HIV infection. Independent, courageous, unique — always thoroughly himself — he had a magnetism for admirers. Though born in Orange County and a graduate of UC Irvine as a Spanish major, his life really took off when he moved to Los Angeles. It was there he began his distinguished career as an educator, formed many lasting friendships, and married his spouse, Michael. They moved to the Bay Area in 1985, and San Francisco in 1989.



While in his profession he reached the zenith of computer instruction, Mickey found his most profound expression in gardening: impassioned with life, he would transform neglected grounds into botanical poetry. The tremendous pride he found in this achievement was validated by the many who would stop to savor the beauty of his work, in particular, his desert collection.

Handsome, athletic, loving — adjectives fail to capture the singular charisma of this man. As his condition declined, the welling up of love, which manifested as his support network, was a tribute to the man he had been. Even those who had only briefly been part of his life knew themselves to be lucky. As Mickey wished, a party will be held to celebrate his life. For information, call 552-6191. ▼

### Lola Becknel

1916–1993

Two years after the AIDS death of her son, Don Collins, Lola Becknel died of heart failure. Lola was "Mom" to the gay men at 1037 Church Street for 15 years, outliving many of them. As a source of motherly advice, she will be missed by Bill, John, David, Jimmy, Drew, Bruce, and Bill Bunner. As someone to sleep with during the day, Hunter the dog will miss her, too. ▼

### Robert M. Burger Jr.

Dec. 25, 1945–Oct. 27, 1993

On Wednesday, Bob passed into a splendid crimson and magenta sunset, deciding to take control of his life as he always directed his environment, with dignity and courage. With his friends beside him, he left us to live again.

Bob wishes to thank those friends who gave such time and care in his illness and life; those he called his family: Jim Mayer, Mary-Ann McGinn, Robert Paterson, Georgia Rohlfleisch. For their unfaltering support, he thanks his co-workers at Lehman Brothers, who will miss the "Cheeseburger" they affectionately called upon. His friends will miss his castastic rules of life now known as "Burgerisms."

We wish to thank the care shown by Mt. Zion's SN Unit and the Conant Group. Bob was given this during his illness. "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded." He didn't think he could live up to this. Well, you did, my friend, and more. Rest now. ▼

### John Hummel

October 14, 1993

John passed away on October 14, 1993, at Coming Home Hospice. John came to San Francisco in 1976 from Monterey, where he served as assistant to the city manager for seven years. In addition to his BA degree in speech, he earned a master's degree in public administration (MPA).

After earning his master's in 1977, John worked as a senior management assistant in the office of Mayor George Moscone, and was promoted to mayor's program manager under Mayor Feinstein.



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He then held various jobs in the personnel area at Children's Hospital, the Federal Reserve Bank, and was a career consultant for Ward Associates, an outplacement firm.

During the "party years" of the late '70s and early '80s, he developed a stunning body at the gym and did some modeling for the Academy of Art College.

He served on the board of directors of Coming Home, and was matched with an eighty-year-old boy in the Big Brothers program.

John was born and raised in Santa Monica, and was 49 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his 84-year-old mother in Santa Monica. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 13, at 1:30 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church in San Francisco. ▼

### Tom Simpson

Nov. 17, 1944–Oct. 3, 1993

Our friend, Tom Simpson, died peacefully at his home in Aurora Colo., after a valiant five-year struggle with AIDS surrounded by his companion and caregiver, John; his devoted longtime friend, Rita Philipp; and his beloved dogs, Doogin and Kohli.

Additionally, he leaves behind to mourn his brother, Art Simpson, and family and many friends in Denver and the Bay Area. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tom was born in LaPorte, Texas, where his parents owned and operated the Simpson Funeral Home. Upon graduation from mortuary college, Tom worked with his parents and eventually moved to Denver and later San Francisco, where he founded the Lambda Funeral Guild, the first gay-oriented funeral firm in the country. Tom later established himself as "Tom Simpson Funeral Counselor" in San Francisco. Tom and his former companion, Trent, were devoted to caring and sincere service for those afflicted with AIDS and the family and friends left behind.

The funeral service for Tom was held on October 6, 1993, at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver, with cremation following the service. The ashes will be scattered near Independence Pass in the Rocky Mountains in the near future.

So long for now, dear friend, until we meet again. ▼

### John K. Taylor, RN

June 16, 1955–Sept. 6, 1993

John passed from our lives in the late evening of Labor Day at California Pacific Medical Center just an hour short of his seventh anniversary with his lover and domestic partner, Jon Kevin Linck. As he departed, his partner, Edna, held one hand; Linck held the other.

His ever-present sense of humor helped him deal with his illness for more than a year. Sadly, he lost his battle with pneumonia. John wished to extend his gratitude to his personal physician (John must have been his most challenging patient), the Planeteer Unit at CPMC and the wonderful staff of Critical Care America.

He was born and raised in San Luis Obispo, Calif. John received his nursing credential at City College in Fresno. He continued with his goal of adding letters to the end of his name, becoming John Kenneth Taylor, RN, MCN, CEN.

John loved music and singing. He was active in the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and also sang barbershop. His other passions were gourmet cooking and collecting wines. After moving to the Bay Area, he joined the Interchain and Trust groups. He always enjoyed the SF Eagle, which is where he met his lover, Linck.

John is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Edna of San Luis Obispo; his brothers, Dale and Gene; and his sister Ruth and her family living in Hong Kong.

A celebration of John's life with his friends and family will be held on November 10 at the Church of the Advent of Christ the King at 4 p.m. (261 Fell St., SF between Gough & Franklin). John asked that donations in his name be made to the AIDS Project of Contra Costa, 2280 Diamond Blvd., Ste. 350, Concord, CA 94520.

John always said that he wanted to come back as a gay couple's cat — a tribute to his beloved Flameheart Siamese, So-So. Perhaps he will. ▼

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John passed away on October 14, 1993, at Coming Home Hospice. John came to San Francisco in 1976 from Monterey, where he served as assistant to the city manager for seven years. In addition to his BA degree in speech, he earned a master's degree in public administration (MPA).

After earning his master's in 1977, John worked as a senior management assistant in the office of Mayor George Moscone, and was promoted to mayor's program manager under Mayor Feinstein.



**Jay Morgan Jackson**  
Oct. 21, 1952–Oct. 25, 1993

Family and friends honored Jay's life recently with a sunset gathering on a mountain overlooking Sonoma's coast and redwood groves.

We shared bread and wine as we told "Jay stories."

We laughed at his human foibles, his quickness to judge, and his rolling-eyes expression reflecting any disapproval.

He inherited a Texan drawl and the Jackson temperament, including the courage of conviction and a certain stubbornness. His younger brother told of Jay's protectiveness, defending small children from tough kids but also giving an occasional pinch or kick behind mom's back. He was known as "the good son." His dad recalled Jay's struggle to come out to him and their mutual discovery of unconditional love. Friends remembered Jay in his garden of sunflowers, herbs, and vegetables. Many photos showed Jay smiling over a chopping board or pot in the kitchen.

He was a Francophile and a connoisseur whose passions were Provençal cooking and Bordeaux wine. His professional achievements included 15 years as a sign-language interpreter for the Deaf Community, most recently

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## Obituaries

Samuel Dew  
October 11, 1993

Samuel Dew, known to all of his friends as "Sam," passed into the next life after a hard struggle with HIV/AIDS. Sam was very personable and had many friends during his life. Sam's death has left a void in all of us that loved him so dearly.

Sam was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was transferred to San Diego in 1976, where he found love and friends. Some years later he moved to Los Angeles, where he stayed until the late 1980s. While in LA, he began a career in retail. Sam's final home he loved the most was Palm Springs, where he lived until his passing.

His passing is hardest for those who had to watch this spirited human succumb to the virus. His roommate and close friend Gary has suffered a great loss.

Sam will always be remembered for his unconditional love of all his friends. He was always there and supportive when a friend needed him.

My dear friend, Sam, you were my first friend when I came out; we shared many memories in our lives. I shall miss you very much, but I take peace in the knowledge that we shall meet again. — Love, Michael. ▼

John Polozzo Jr.  
October 25, 1993

A searcher has passed from our midst. John Polozzo Jr. died Monday morning, October 25, after a long battle with AIDS. He is survived by his father, John Sr.; brother, Michael; and sisters, Coleen Patterson and Kathy White.

In John's 11 years of sobriety, his proudest accomplishments were his work on Living Sober committees and carrying the message to prisoners in San Bruno Jail as part of a Hospitals and Institutions Committee.

The family and friends, Jerry Anderson and Marc Brittain, ask you to join them in a memorial service at Most Holy Redeemer Church on Tuesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. A reception in the church hall will follow.

Donations in John's name may be made to the MHR AIDS Client Support Groups, Attn: Fr. Tom, 4321 18th St., SF CA 94114. ▼

Frank Ommundsen  
Dec. 7, 1951-Oct. 31, 1993



Frank was first and foremost the quintessential Sagittarian. He laughed easily and often; it is hard to think of Frank without at least a smile. The wave of enthusiastic optimism that he rode so often would sweep us all away, sometimes at the expense of common sense. Both humor and a deep sensitivity for the feelings of others pervaded his thoughts and actions. He told us that he would sometimes wake himself up at night, laughing at his own dreams; he would also leave the room in embarrassment when Lucy would do something really stupid and Ricky found out.

Frank was born in Canada, and is survived by his mother, brother Peter and sister-in-law Arlene, and nephew Eric in British Columbia. His list of friends could fill an almost endless scroll that, unwound, would crisscross Canada and the world and lead to San Francisco. Much of San Francisco will miss him deeply. He has gone now to join his lover Rich and so many other friends, leaving us all temporarily saddened and bewildered. How could he leave us all behind so quickly without even saying good-bye?

Frank's ashes will be spread on the British Columbia coast, a place to which he always intended to return. A celebration of his life will take place November 13. For information, call Mark (863-8797) or Hael (621-6551). ▼

Andrew S. Zysman, MD  
Feb. 5, 1955-Oct. 12, 1993

A prominent AIDS treatment activist who used his medical expertise to advise pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and fellow physicians on a wide range of HIV-related issues died of AIDS at Kaiser Hospital.

Dr. Andy Zysman, an emergency physician at Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City until his retirement in 1989,

was a recipient of the 1993 AIDS Hero Award from Mobilization Against AIDS for his work on the treatment issues committee of ACT UP/Golden Gate and his role in expediting the testing and approval of new drugs. He led the successful drive to have Burroughs-Wellcome cap the price of acyclovir and fought discrimination against HIV-infected health care workers. He co-sponsored the two largest local fundraisers for ACT UP, convincing hundreds of doctors to support treatment activists.

Andy was a founder of the San Jose AIDS Foundation and served on the governing boards of the National AIDS-KS Foundation and the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights. He was a member of the Community Constituency Group, which advises the federal government's AIDS Clinical Trial Group on drug-trial design.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Caffe Esprit, 235 16th Street, near Illinois. Donations can be made to ACT UP/Golden Gate, 519 Castro, MS 93, SF, CA 94114. ▼

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## Gay Sierrans Trek To Their Ballot Box

by Roxie Rosen

Latest trend of the '90s: the lavender left is going green. A new generation of activists is entering the environmental conservation and advocacy, nature-appreciating and hiking-going Sierra Club — this new generation has been recruited by specialized lesbian and gay environmental groups, like the Bay Area's Gay and Lesbian Sierrans (GLS). This month Bay Area Sierra Club members will elect new members of their executive committee. The 36,000 Bay Area Sierra Club members will receive their official ballots and candidate statements along with their copy of the Sierra Club's magazine, *Yodeler*.

Openly gay Jeff Golden, last year's GLS chair, is running for the executive committee. Whether he will be elected to it will be decided this month.

The Sierra Club hasn't always been so welcoming to gay and lesbian members. In

the early '80s, the Sierra Club's executive committee refused to allow the formation of a special gay and lesbian chapter. Lesbian and

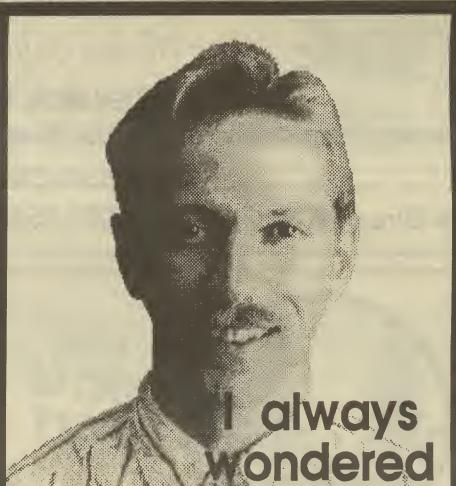
Gay Sierra Club members organized to vote them out of power. It worked: by 1986 that executive committee was

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Last year's GLS chair Jeff Golden is running for the Sierra Club's executive committee in an election to be decided later this month.

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**California News**



An emotional moment during the "Day of the Dead" political funeral march held in Sacramento October 29. The march was stopped by state police officers, ostensibly because the marchers did not have a permit.

(Photo: Judi Parks)

## Angry AIDS Activists Bring Out Their Dead at Sacto Demo

by Marghe Covino  
Capitol Correspondent

SACRAMENTO — A group of about 70 demonstrators, a coalition of ACT UP chapters from around the state, held a riveting "Day of the Dead" political funeral and demonstration in Sacramento on Friday, October 29.

Unfortunately, what was essentially a poignant illustration of the human cost of government apathy was marred by a confrontation with the State Police, and media coverage concentrated on the scuffle rather than the serious message the demonstrators brought to the state capital.

Sacramento city police had cleared Capital Mall from Third Street to the Capitol in preparation for the event. Evan Deerfield, one of the mourners carrying the ashes of loved ones, told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "I had to bring Everett [Denman, a San Francisco/Sacramento activist] back to Sacramento one last time." A woman at Deerfield's side carried the ashes of Colin Blakene; they were flanked by marchers, covered with black funeral cloth and flowers, carrying signs on sticks with crossbars.

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence walked in dignity beside a real coffin on wheels. From under the coffin came a funereal Gregorian chant that droned sadly through the air. Drummers hit measured, solemn beats on their drums and occasional horns blew a mournful, foghorn sound that brought state and federal employees to the windows of their offices.

Spectators appeared stunned as they read the signs and the names. One demonstrator — wearing a tiger striped body glove, rhinestone drop earrings, and a lush moustache — carried a sign that caused more than a few people to comment: "Looks Don't Kill," it read, "Wilson's Vetoed Do."

The names went by in a

parade. Jim Ferguson, Dr. Andy Zysman, Michael Wright. A hospital gurney with a dummy on it went by. Devon Wondercheck, Lloyd Dixon, Warren Piece. A small styrofoam casket was carried with the sign, "Babies Lost To AIDS" James Dobson.

Edward Zold, one of the demonstration organizers, talked about AIDS budget cuts. "A flat budget is in effect, a cut. It affects education and prevention, alternative test sites, confidential testing, children's services, home health, adult day care, homeless shelters and the essential AIDS Drug Assistance Program," Zold said.

Needle exchange laws and California OSHA laws to protect workers against virulent forms of tuberculosis "because it's airborne," are also important issues, he said, adding that mental health AIDS counseling programs, research at the University of California, AIDS treatment at state correctional facilities, and treatment for IV drug users will all be adversely affected. Of even more concern is the negative effect on assistance programs like SSI, MediCal, and AFDC, and the jeopardy of Ryan White funding.

### No permit, no demo

When the procession arrived in the park-like circle at the State Library, it was met with mounted State Police officers and other officers on foot in riot gear. A lieutenant from the State Police spoke with demonstration organizers and told them they could not proceed onto state property without a permit, but that he would issue an immediate permit to them if they signed for it.

The leaders apparently had heard about an incident that occurred at a candlelight vigil in front of the federal building, where officials tried to charge the Lambda Center, organizers of the vigil, for the costs of cleaning up the can-

dle wax. One said, "Signing the permit will allow them to use revenge tactics — they're going after people for damages."

"We're here with the remains of people who have died of AIDS," organizers told police. "We're asking you not to be violent with us." After more negotiations with the officer, demonstrators — who were by this time actually on state property — started to lay down. "We have been shut out of that building, out of the policies being made in that building: the genocidal policies they have made over our dead bodies," one demonstrator told the *B.A.R.*

Another demonstrator said to police "If you knew our pain, you would escort us up those stairs."

There was a scuffle with police as horses blocked demonstrators from crossing the police line. "Wilson is at the disaster in Southern California — we want him to come back and look at the disaster he's created in public health policy," said Terry Lorah. "We want to go up to the Capitol and bring Wilson the icing on his cakes — the remains of the people we loved."

As demonstrators took the ashes from the containers, clouds of ash floated over the heads of police. Then one demonstrator with AIDS was struck in the kidney area by a police baton. MacKenzie Matthew Chappell had a red area on his back and complained of feeling nauseated and dizzy after the incident. "We had no expectation of violence," he said. "We're a non-violent group. Why are we met with such violence and hatred? The points we need to make to Wilson are accurate points — like needle exchange works."

Everett Denman and Colin Blakene never made it to the Capitol on Friday. Or Tim Warford. Or Joel Dawes. Roy Frisch. Larry Tozzio. Stan Hadden. Ora pro nobis. ▼

## GLAAD Media Watch

# Cypress Hell

by Al Kielwasser

**D**uring an October 24th concert at the S.F. Civic Auditorium, the popular hip-hop band Cypress Hill attempted to whip the crowd into a homophobic frenzy. Between songs, the group's lead rapper, B. Real, made viciously homophobic statements. As the audience cheered, B. Real screamed, "All homos and fags in San Francisco, fuck you!"

Yesenia Aguirre and Kristen Ochoa, two Latina lesbians who left the concert, told GLAAD that they felt Cypress Hill was "encouraging a group of hundreds of people to harass us." Aguirre and Ochoa added, "One of the reasons we first bought Cypress Hill's music was because of the group's diversity. As Latinas, we like B. Real's rhymes in Spanish and we, of course, supported another brother who made it. We cannot tell you how disappointed we are, and how sad we are to see that B. Real can express his own truths and experiences about oppression, and still blatantly engage in the oppression of others."

Following public outcry, apologies—of a sort—were issued by Cypress Hill, Columbia Records, and radio station KMEL. KMEL, which had promoted the concert, has promised to remove Cypress Hill from the station's play list. Said program director Joey Arbagey: "We're not going to support anybody degrading anybody else."

Buzz Tone Entertainment, which manages Cypress Hill, released this statement: "Cypress Hill regrets any pain or distress this incident may have caused members of the gay and lesbian community. Cypress Hill does not in any way agree with, support, or condone anti-gay and lesbian violence whether verbal or physical."

Excuse us? Shouldn't that statement have read "Cypress Hill no longer condones violence?" Screaming "fuck you" at "all Homos and fags in San Francisco" not only condones violence ... it is violence. Unfortunately, Buzz Tone's "apology" is marred by an unhealthy dose of denial.

Write to Joey Arbagey, Music Director, KMEL, 55 Francisco, #400, S.F., CA 94107, tel. 415-512-1053; Amanda Scheer, Buzz Tone Entertainment, 646 N. Robertson Blvd., L.A., CA 90069, tel. 310-657-9400, fax. 310-657-0277. Also, contact Howard Wolken, East Coast Director of Alternative Promotion, Columbia Records, 550 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022, and encourage the profitable company to make amends by making a donation to organizations that combat homophobia.

### Ambassadors of Pedophilia

Are pedophiles acting as official consultants to the United Nations? The October 13th installment of CNN's *Larry King Live* featured a sensationalistic exploration of this "burning question." Under review was the absurd proposition that because the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) has just been granted consultative status

within the U.N., and because the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) is a member of ILGA, pedophiles are now, somehow, an official threat to the world order.

"Tonight you won't believe who's won the right to advise the United Nations," King squawked. "A gay rights alliance with U.N. standing is supposed to be the world's human rights watchdog. After tonight, you may wonder if the U.N. knows what's happening in its own back yard." King's guests were Peter LaBarbera (the editor of a homophobic newsletter deceptively titled the *Lambda Report*), Julie Dorf (director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human rights Commission and ILGA secretary), and Bill Andriette (official pedophile).

The inclusion of LaBarbera (rather than a bona fide expert on the sexual abuse of children) was as inflammatory and insulting as King's ugly introduction. Larry King has demonstrated, once again, that he is afraid to talk about gays and lesbians unless he has some fascist pinhead on to tell everyone that it's okay to hate us. Let him know that not every discussion of lesbian and gay issues should be reduced to such a dubious debate. Or, you could tell King that you believe heterosexuals are destroying the country and ask him if he'll put you on television the next time (and EVER time) he has a straight guest.

Comments should be directed to *Larry King Live*, 111 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington D.C. 20001. Or telephone CNN at 202-898-7900.

### As the Stomach Turns

In the continuing "will he or won't he?" saga of Matt Fielding, the gay character on the prime-time soap *Melrose Place*, Matt remains (ostensibly) celibate and single. Last week, in fact, he decided to marry his Russian friend, Katja, so she could stay in the United States (politely refusing the \$1,000 she offered for his efforts). Because every major heterosexual character on the show is in a sexually-active relationship, it is particularly insulting that Matt's first semblance of a partnership involves a marriage of convenience.

So far, the producers of *Melrose Place* have done very little to develop Matt's character. In fact, there have been very few references to Matt's gayness this season. When Matt accepted Katja's "proposal" he said, "It's not that I think I'll never find the right someone, it's just that I want to do this for you." Why couldn't Matt have simply said "right man" instead of "right someone?"

*Melrose Place* has the potential, the power and—presumably—the good will to do something positive for our community. Keep the pressure on. They might just get it. Send more letters to Darren Star, Executive Producer, *Melrose Place*, Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 90036. ▼

We must confront homophobia in order to curb it! To notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of any defamatory media coverage, or to request GLAAD membership information, write to GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro Street, Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114. Call our office at 415-861-4588; fax, 415-861-4893; South Bay, 408-235-0229; East Bay, 510-273-9146. ▼

## Community News

# PAWS Puts on the Dog To Celebrate New Space

by Dennis Conkin

Pets Are Wonderful Support, the group that helps more than 600 people with HIV disease living at home with their pets, celebrated the official opening of its new headquarters at 539 Castro Street on Thursday, October 21, with an open house.

The organization serves clients throughout the entire Bay Area, although most are located in San Francisco, according to outgoing founding board member Ken Gorczyca, D.V.M. [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine].

Now seven years old, with an agency budget of an estimated \$250,000 raised primarily through individual donors and a few grants, PAWS is considered a national model for human/animal bond programs and is recognized as a leading authority on human/animal-related diseases of concern to people with immune

deficiencies.

Earlier this month, the agency conducted a day-long summit for veterinarians and the staffs of more than a dozen similar groups from around the country during the annual Delta Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

According to Gorczyca, the summit was an opportunity for people in the human/animal bond field working with people with HIV to meet each other and share ideas, resources, and support.

### Educating straights

"It brought together almost all of the leaders in the human-animal bond and AIDS movement. It also included a lot of straight veterinarians and groups," Gorczyca told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The summit was also an opportunity for PAWS-type groups to educate members of straight groups attending the Delta Conference on Hu-

man-Animal Interactions, who may have gay clients, about gay-related issues—and about AIDS.

The Summit Conference was hosted by PAWS St. Louis, and participants were feted at its conclusion with a desert reception and entertained by some of St. Louis's renowned "female illusionists," including Miss Gay America.

"They gave us a wonderful welcome and it was just spectacular," Gorczyca said.

The services that PAWS provides its clients include pet food and supplies, veterinary care, pet walking for those PWAs who are unable to do so for themselves, foster care, and the adoption of animals in the case of complete disability or death.

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# Damaged Care

by Michael C. Botkin

Last month I attended the sixth National AIDS Update Conference, a generally annual gathering in San Francisco of AIDS service providers from across the country. The current NAUC evolved by merging a number of individual professional association events (nurses, social workers, etc.) and has always suffered something of an identity crisis. It's clearly not a cutting-edge medical re-

help but focus, this year, on the proposed Clinton administration health care reforms and their likely impact on the struggle against AIDS. This focus was dramatized by the appearance, during the last sessions of the conference, of Christine Gebbie, the new AIDS coordinator (or, informally, "the AIDS czar").

The preliminary assessments by the assembled health care workers, legislative assistants, PWA advocates and accountants were not encouraging. The Clinton administration, as we all know, believes the plan will produce universal health care at a lower cost in just a few years, while simultaneously reducing the budget deficit. Skeptics of a conservative stripe (Republicans and insurers, mostly) say it will inhibit research, reduce the quality of medical care, and bankrupt small businesses — in other words, merely continue the status quo but with still more bureaucratic bumbling. Even this less optimistic view fails to consider a third alternative: that the plan will completely bomb and stumble headlong into the abyss over which it seeks to leap.

#### Medicaid Mills

The plan as presented so far — and it's constantly evolv-



ing on a daily basis; on this as on every issue, the Clinton administration prefers to present an always moving target — harbors many opportunities for disaster from the AIDS perspective. The Ryan White money, billions earmarked for PWA care, would likely be "folded back" into the general health budget. The long-term disability care proposed by the plan would require a "functionality test" far more stringent than that currently employed and make qualification for benefits about five times harder.

Over the course of the AIDS epidemic in America, there's been a steady shift of PWAs from private insurance to Medicaid and Medicare programs, as the largely unregulated insurance industry gradually dumped HIVers (or suspected or likely HIVers) into the safety net. The Clinton plan would loot those programs and "fold back" most of their funding into the reformed system. The administration assures us that the slack would be picked up by the newly formed local institutions, but this is just their happy estimate. If it's overly optimistic, it's the PWAs who will be left uncovered.

The plan is still work based, and as such subject to the whims and prejudices of employers. It is still family based, and in most places won't provide coverage to gay and lesbian domestic partners of eligible employees. It excludes all non-nationals and undocumented workers from any sort of coverage. And by preserving the insurance industry, it pretty much guarantees inequality of services. The top tiers will likely continue to get quality coverage, but the bottom tiers, depending on how short the funding gets, may end up stuck in "Medicaid Mills," storefront Doc Shops that grudgingly yield minimal services as fast and cheap as they can to patients who have no choice because no other provider will touch them.

#### Soulless Technocrat

So the question boils down to how hard will the Clinton administration fight to implement its plan — how successful will they be at standing down those who benefit from the current system and how loyal will they be to the interests of PWAs and the other health consumers at the back of the bus? To judge from the presentation of Gebbie, the new AIDS czarina, I wouldn't bet my life on any of those points.

She radiated regal disdain for any hint of doubt about the program. "The Clinton health care plan is a good one, built on the strengths of the current system [?] and is the best we could hope to accomplish in the U.S. today," she asserted. She brushed aside the concerns mentioned above when they were raised by members of the audience. "We can't address every 'pet' issue," she snapped on more than one occasion. When specific topics like the lack of disability care were addressed,

she either waffled ("I haven't read that part of the document yet"), cited obscure subparagraphs no one else had seen, or simply washed her hands of it ("The insurers will fight that tooth and nail — you'll have to really mobilize your forces if you want it").

Gebbie vowed to continue her "dialogue" with the AIDS community, which begs the question of "what dialogue?" The Clintons' hand-picked experts, notably excluding any community representatives, met in an ivory tower and emerged from their think tank, stone tablets in hand, to lay down the law and present the best of all possible "in the U.S. at this time" plans. Now they're getting ready to talk turkey with the insurers but have yet to show much interest in consumer input.

The fact that Hillary Clinton recently talked tough

**The Clinton health care plan as presented so far harbors many opportunities for disaster from the AIDS perspective.**

about the evil insurance industry which is trying to block her perfect plan only made me more nervous. Every time the Clintons have loudly rattled their sabers in the past, it's been the signal for an imminent retreat. Bill said he was going to lift the ban on gays in the military, then ended up not only reaffirming it but also begging the Supreme Court to set aside a recently won restraining order freezing the policy (the Court complied, and the witch hunts which were delayed by the lower court ruling have now resumed).

Bill said he was going to send planes to Bosnia if the Serbs didn't stop raping and "ethnic cleansing" the Muslims. He said this on three separate occasions, but he ultimately backed down and the "cleansing" continues. He told President Aristide of

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out, and pro-gay individuals were voted in.

GLS has since then become a model Sierra Club Chapter. So much a model chapter, in fact, that ex-GLS president and Chairman of the Sierra Club Publications Committee Golden was nominated by the Sierra Club for a position on the once-homophobic committee.

Golden considers himself a classic example of a gay-activist gone green. A one-time Dade County, Florida, resident, he was one of many who fought Anita Bryant's '70s anti-homosexuality campaign. Golden, then a Miami Herald journalist, is currently a lawyer in Marin, where he's also working to set up a lesbian and gay elders program.

Before GLS, Golden had never backpacked — although he loved to hike — but in GLS he met people who taught him the ins and outs of backpacking. Backpacking gave him a new respect for nature. He explained, "When you visit nature, you do it on nature's terms. You don't go in to conquer it. It is not like a video game."

Early on, Golden became a GLS hike leader and got active in the organization. "They didn't have any guidebook on how to be a hike leader," he said. "So I interviewed some friends in the club and wrote a hike leader's guidebook for the gay and lesbian units. This is still in use."

Eventually he became GLS chair, but, he found, "When I became the chair of the GLS, our membership had dropped 40 percent. I was quite concerned about that, so I worked very hard through the year to stop the decline."

Golden's recruitment methods were highly creative. He explained, "I'd go to a meeting of some organization,

## HIV Watch

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Haiti that he would support his return — and the country's to democracy — but backed down after a few hundred thugs rioted in protest. He responded to reverses in Somalia by dispatching thousands of reinforcements — then days later announced plans for a complete withdrawal. After a year in office, his pattern is clear enough: protest loudly then quietly give in.

If Hillary really thinks the insurers are the Great Satan of the American health care system, why isn't she campaigning to eliminate them via a single-payer approach? This tough talk is her last bluff before rolling over and playing dead. Some sort of plan, however flawed, must be passed if Clinton is to win re-election in '96, and that is all that this administration and their soulless technocratic spin doctors care about. After they win a second term (they no doubt tell themselves), they'll try to put some teeth in their reforms.

Try not to get sick until then. ▼

I'd take a slide show created by GLS photographers and I'd tell people — you see this place out here, you own it! And if you've never been out to inspect your property, come with me, and we'll show you your real estate." He'd organize GLS booths large lesbian and gay events. He'd recruit GLS members to visit well-attended events and carry large picket signs saying things like: "For the cheapest good time in the Bay Area call GLS." And members would hand out club information and phone numbers. By the end of Golden's tenure as GLS chair, membership increased 60 percent — from 780 to 1,200 members.

Currently the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club's membership is in decline: it's down to 36,000 from 40,000 a few years ago, and Golden is ready to find out what's going wrong.

He told the B.A.R., "That's part of the reason why I'm running. The recession has hurt all environmental organizations across the United States, but the club might not be connecting into peoples lives as well as it might."

"As a kid I used to hike a lot," he said. "My sister and I'd take friends on little 'journeys' where we'd invent trips and hikes to go on. Today I'm still doing the same thing. Leading the Sierra Club is really no different. You just go to interesting places around trees and over rocks. It is fun." ▼

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#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 955751

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of CAMILLE LEE KRENTSA, a minor, (by LEA M. RODRIGUEZ, parent), for change of name. The application of CAMILLE LEE KRENTSA for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that CAMILLE LEE KRENTSA (by LEA M. RODRIGUEZ, parent) has filed an application proposing that her name be changed to CAMILLE LEE RODRIGUEZ. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before the court in Department X-4 on the 16th day of December 1993 at 9 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 21st day of October, 1993.

October 28 November 4, 11, 18, 1993.  
L-955751

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 955715

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of KENNETH WILLIAM STOLLE for change of name. The application of KENNETH WILLIAM STOLLE for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that KENNETH WILLIAM STOLLE has filed an application proposing that his name be changed to PHOENIX POZHAR AGUILA. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before the court in Department X-4 on the 16th day of December 1993 at 9 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 19th day of October, 1993.

October 28 November 4, 11, 18, 1993.  
L-955715

#### PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR AND NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE FILE NO. 954116

in the matter of the Application of RUBY DAVID CURLEY by her parent JANEEN ENID DAVIS, petitioner, for change of name and a new certificate of birth.

Petitioner JANEEN ENID DAVIS, on behalf of applicant RUBY DAVID CURLEY, alleges: Petitioner is over 18 years of age, applicant is a minor, 18 years of age. This petition is filed on behalf of applicant by JANEEN ENID DAVIS is applicant's mother; applicant was born at San Francisco, California; applicant's address is 1000 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94122-1427.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays as follows: For an order to show cause at a specified time and date for a petition for change of name should not be granted; that, on the hearing, the court make an order changing applicant's name from RUBY DAVID CURLEY to RUBY DAVID SPEROS; that, on the hearing, the court make an order changing the name of the father to Dimitri James Speros; that she be granted a waiver of the requirement for publication of the Order to Show Cause, required by CCP 1277, as all concerned individuals will receive notice by mail; that all other proper orders be granted.

October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 1993.  
L-954116

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 17935

The following person is doing business as J.D. & ASSOCIATES 234 Gates St., San Francisco, CA 94110: JON D. DILLINGHAM, JR., 234 Gates St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

Re: Registered a fictitious business under the above fictitious business name on the date October 1, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed JON D. DILLINGHAM.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on September 29, 1993.

October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 1993.  
L-17935

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 179414

The following person is doing business as ANT HILL PRODUCTIONS 76 Liberty St., San Francisco, CA 94107: PAMELA RORKE LEVY, 76 Liberty St., San Francisco, CA.

Re: Registered a fictitious business under the above fictitious business name on the date January 1, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed PAMELA RORKE LEVY.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on September 30, 1993.

October 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18, 1993.  
L-179414

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 955184

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of BARRY KANE LEIGHTON for change of name. The application of BARRY KANE LEIGHTON for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that BARRY KANE LEIGHTON has filed an application proposing that his name be changed to MARWICK KANE. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before the court in Department X-4 on the 30th day of November 1993 at 9 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 9th day of October, 1993.

October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 1993.  
L-955184

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 955298

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of CHARLES FRANKLIN MEARS II for change of name. The application of CHARLES FRANKLIN MEARS II for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that CHARLES FRANKLIN MEARS II has filed an application proposing that his name be changed to CHARLES FRANKLIN EASTON. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before the court in Department X-4 on the 24th day of November 1993 at 9 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 4th day of October, 1993.

October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 1993.  
L-955298

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## LEGAL NOTICES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 955299

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, on the application of RICHARD LYLE NORTON, for change of name. The application of RICHARD LYLE NORTON, for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that RICHARD LYLE NORTON has filed an application prior to said name application for JOSEPH PATRICK EASTON. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Due Course of Law on the tenth day of November 1993 at 9 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of the Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 4th day of October, 1993.

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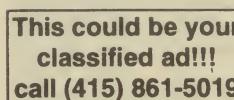
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## PEOPLE AND PERSONALS

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# Judy Grahn: At Home in the World at Last

by Nisa Donnelly

In the beginning was the Word — then came Judy Grahn to emancipate it. At 53, Grahn is the poet laureate of lesbian-feminism, the woman who reclaimed gay culture with her groundbreaking book, *Another Mother Tongue: Gay Worlds, Gay Words*, and who sent a goddess into an underworld lesbian bar in *The Queen of Swords*. Now, she's rewritten history, or at least a good part of it, with *Blood, Bread, and Roses: How Menstruation Created the World*. The book is an astonishing look at women's contributions to the world's cultures, technology and science from prehistoric times to the present.

In a recent interview before she departed for a national book tour, Grahn told me that her book was important because it gives women a new way of being in the world. "I want women to feel at home in the world, that's probably the main contribution this book will make," she said. "As soon as I had finished writing it, I felt at home in the world. Quiet. I understood that so many things we take for granted grew out of women's rituals. And I became a different person — serious, but lighter-hearted and more possessive of the world than was ever true before. And after finishing the book, other women say the same

thing."

Like *Another Mother Tongue*, which is widely used in gay and women's studies courses, *Blood, Bread, and Roses* brings contemporary issues into focus by exploring the past and dissecting the language, which is paralleled by the author's own very personal recollections. Recalling the emotional shame of adolescence, Grahn, who had prayed nightly as a child that God would turn her

**"It's time now for history to take a turn, and this book will help it take that turn."**

into a boy, writes: "In a few months, I will turn 13; the event I have prayed for more than a year never to happen to me will happen to me. God will not intervene to turn me into a boy at the last minute." Instead, like virtually all adolescent girls, she is taken aside by her mother to listen to a fumbling explanation of biology. "I cannot tell whether (my mother's) expression is from embarrass-

ment, sorrow or fear that my life will now resemble hers."

### Masculine vs. Feminine

But this book is not simply a recollection of girlhood, instead it is an exploration of myth and tradition, language and science, and speculation of how the world has culturally evolved and what is needed if we, as a species, are to survive. "There are lessons that this culture could clearly benefit from today," Grahn says. "We need to understand that individualism and freedom are very, very valuable, but that nature has cultures of its own and we must interact and negotiate with them rather than run roughshod over them. The solely masculine point of view that says we have to take control of all of nature. The feminine point of view doesn't say that. It says we're all in this together and we set limits in order to accommodate all these different cultures. We need that now more than ever before."

Grahn believes we are at a point in time where change in society must occur and that change will inevitably come from understanding feminine traditions. "We're in a crisis of technology and social relationships," she says. "We need new terms for what an economy really is. And I've defined it as a conversation, a dialogue. There are so many machines that now can do work, so what does that mean for the people who don't own the



Judy Grahn: The feminine point of view says that "we're all in this together!"

machines? What does that mean for huge parts of the population that appear to be

left out of the economy? What, indeed, is work? That (Continued on page 40)

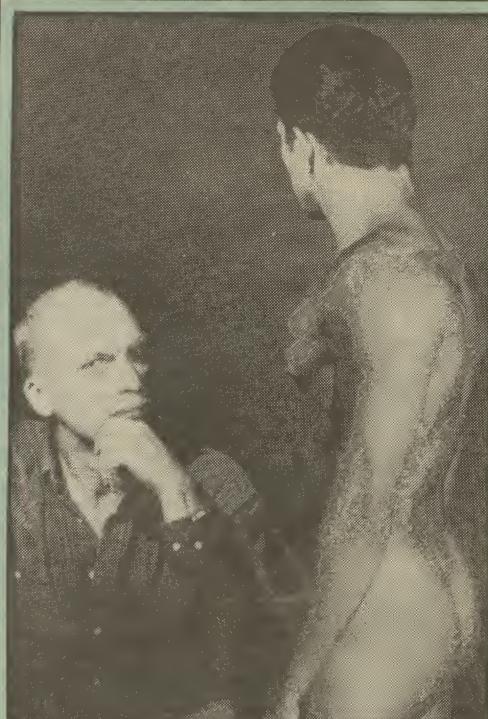
Fourth Annual Bay Area Book Festival at Exhibition Center

## Bibliophiles Unite

by Suzanne R. Fried

On Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7, the Fourth Annual San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival comes to town, along with a spectacular array of authors, including Betty Friedan, Ellen Goodman, Tony Hillerman, Frank Browning, Walter Isaacson, Marilyn Wallace, Lawrence Block, John Preston and many more. Scores of Bay Area scribes will be on hand, too, in addition to performance artist Karen Finley, playwright Charles Busch, poets June Jordan and Brenda Hillman, chefs James McNair and Cindy Pawlcyn, "cat lover" Cleveland Amory, and former Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who will be featured in dialogue with an interviewer.

All in all, more than 200 authors will take part in readings, panel discussions and dialogues about their own and (Continued on page 41)



John Preston: Loquacious chronicler of the world of pornography.

John Preston on Himself, His Work, and S/M in the '90s

## Pornographically Speaking . . .

by Felice Picano

At OutWrite '93 in the keynote address he gave in place of playwright Tony Kushner (who was forced to cancel), author John Preston read a moving piece about being a young man in Boston with the wrong accent, the wrong credentials, barred from entering the academy to which he'd aspired and to which he felt he belonged. In short, he was an outsider. Preston's speech was unusual in that it presented an image of the writer at odds with the uninhibited, pornographic tenor he'd established over 16 years in works of fiction like *Mr. Benson, I Once Had a Master and The Arena*.

When the soon-to-be-published *My Life as a Pornographer* was announced by Richard Kasak Press, its title

piece, a talk Preston had given at Harvard University, seemed to call for a re-evaluation of the author's work. With many of his earlier works back in print and the second volume of his collection, *Flesh and the Word*, now out from Dutton, this seemed as good a time as any to speak with Preston and find out if he really was becoming as venerable as it appeared.

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Felice Picano: You were the editor of *The Advocate* in 1975. You must have been awfully young for a job like that?

John Preston: I was. I was hired to take over *The Advocate* when Al Goodstein bought the magazine. He was this out gay entrepreneur and (Continued on page 41)

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## OutThere

The Annals of Queerdom

by Orland Outland

Michael Musto reported on E! network's *Gossip Show* that *Beverly Hillbillies* star Diedrich Bader was unhappy about his kissing scene with Rob Schneider. The two actors were both in drag and played cousins, and it seems that getting the scene right took ten takes. Bader complained that it was an awful experience and that he'd never kiss a man again. "Me thinks the lady protests too much," Musto said with arched brow, and does he know something we don't?



Ten takes to get it right — Diedrich Bader (left) busses Rob Schneider in *The Beverly Hillbillies*.



Rumors continue to circulate about *Cowgirls*. Who pulled it and why?

As rumored, the Calvin Klein conglomerate is officially dumping **Marky Mark** as their poster child when his contract expires in December. Protests by gay activists over the jailbait gymbo's homophobia included sending boxes of used undies to CK's 7th Avenue offices, as

welcome: Brigham Young University, Colorado School of Mines, almost anywhere in Texas or the Deep South. Even more surprising, however, is the list of schools most accepting of gay students — the San Francisco Conservatory of Music is the *only* Bay Area school listed in the Top 20. The No. 1 "most accepting" school is Deep Springs College of Deep Springs, Calif. Congratulations, Deep Springs, and where the hell are you? Another big surprise: No. 8 on the most accepting list is North Carolina School of the Arts, deep in the very prostate cancer-ridden bowels of Jesse Helms country.

*Variety* said **Gus Van Sant's** *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* was pulled by studio execs for a recut, but *Entertainment Weekly* now says that Van Sant himself decided to re-edit the movie. Truth or spin?



Sexy white boys in briefs, Part 2: What lingerie laddie will CK pick now — Woody Harrelson (left) or Brad Pitt?

well as more run-of-the-mill tactics. While early word was that The Red Hot Chili Peppers would be the new eye-popping no-top bus-stop supermodels, all those tattoos must not have tested well with CK's bland consumer base, because *New York* magazine says the leading contenders now for the role are Woody Harrelson and Brad Pitt. Will this lead to a revolution in gay boy fashions? Will fags who once slaved for Marky-sized pecs start striving to starve off that now excess muscle? Can the era of the "Male Waif" be far away? Watch your local cafe for the answer.

There's a new book out called *The Princeton Review Student Access Guide*, and in addition to the usual comparative info on academic focus, campus life, cafeteria food, etc. at American colleges, there's a section on how accepting or non-accepting the schools and their student bodies are of gays and lesbians. There are few surprises on the list of places we are un-

Rhythm Roundup: Of gay interest on the music shelves: the new record by **The Lemonheads**, *Come On Feel the Lemonheads*, features a song called "Big Gay Heart," an anti-gay-bashing song. The **Pet Shop Boys** sound like they'll be ready to come out of the closet any year now, from the sound of *Very*, their new album. Despite murmured references in several songs to gay love and AIDS, it's actually their cover of "Go West" that'll bring a tear to your eye — the absolute faith in the future and boundless optimism of the lyrics of that old *Village People* song will tap the treacle from the least sentimental. For die-hard PSB fans with money to burn, your local import record store offers *Very Relentless*, a two-CD set that, as the title implies, includes *Very* but also comes with *Relentless*, a non-vocal disco album by the Boys — it'll set you back about \$40. For those on a budget, *Relentless* will be released separately in the States at a later date.



No erection for Pasolini.

Art Fag News: The Anti-dote. Coming all too soon to a theatre near you, the big-screen version of *Lost in Space*. Steel yourself: *Film Threat* says the part of "the energetic and effeminate Dr. Smith" will be played by **Richard Simmons**. Put me on the next rocket out of here! ▼

## Theatre

Director Hopes Comedy Lightens the Burden of AIDS

# 'Jeffrey': Laughter in the Dark

by Chad Jones

We've spent over a decade with the AIDS crisis, and gay playwright Paul Rudnick thinks we need a good laugh. After a series of wrenching, powerful AIDS plays like Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart* and Tony Kushner's *Angels In America*, Rudnick offers us something unusual: *Jeffrey*, an AIDS comedy. Audiences have indeed felt the need to laugh, making *Jeffrey*, a big hit in New York, where it still running nearly a year after opening Off-Broadway, and in Los Angeles. San Francisco audiences can see what all the fuss is about now that *Jeffrey* has opened at Theatre on the Square.

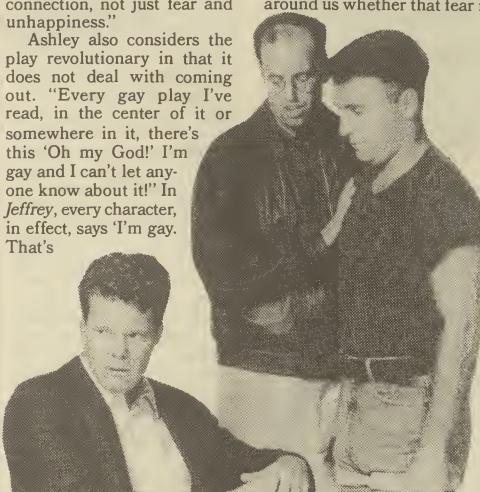
In *Jeffrey*, Rudnick, the author of *I Hate Hamlet* and the screenplay for the upcoming *Addams Family Values*, is not saying AIDS is in itself funny — hardly. He's exposing the humanity that is sometimes overshadowed by the heartache and the horror. AIDS theater has not spent much time dwelling on the humor that in real life makes the tragedy bearable. *Jeffrey* is a modern-day sex farce that lambastes our fears of death, sex (and all the related absurdities), being gay, being straight and falling in love.

The eponymous leading character, a self-described lover of sex, faces the fact of modern, protected, highly conscious sex and decides he cannot deal with it, so, no more sex. No sooner does Jeffrey make this decision than Mr. Right comes waltzing into his life. It may be love at first sight, but Jeffrey must force himself to abstain. The torture of courtship is further complicated by the fact that Mr. Right is HIV-positive. Along for the comic ride are Jeffrey's dynamic best-friend boyfriends: an elder queen with impeccable taste and a studly young *Cats* dancer who also happens to be HIV-positive. Throw the four cen-

laughter."

Playwright Rudnick has said the "seed" moment for the play came when visiting a friend in the hospital who refused to die nobly. He fashion-critiqued his nurses and never stopped causing a ruckus. "It's not that the sadness is devalued," Ashley says. "It's just that one of the responses has to be: where can you find lightness and connection, not just fear and unhappiness?"

Ashley also considers the play revolutionary in that it does not deal with coming out. "Every gay play I've read, in the center of it or somewhere in it, there's this 'Oh my God! I'm gay and I can't let anyone know about it!' In *Jeffrey*, every character, in effect, says 'I'm gay. That's



Morgan Strickland, director Christopher Ashley and John Zie

the way it is. I think the fact that being gay is a given in this play is a fantastic thing. It couldn't have been written 20 years ago, or even ten or five."

Though the play is centered around AIDS, Ashley does not like to label *Jeffrey* an issue play. "This play is about living at this moment in the gay community and how we respond to the fear around us whether that fear is

about AIDS, or commitment, or sexuality, or being bashed...whatever you're afraid of that stops you from connecting to another human being."

### Local Talent

Ashley says there are very few plays he could direct three times. "I'd be screaming bored," he says. "But it's important to me that people see *Jeffrey* because it is about right now. It deals with issues that are my issues and my friends' issues, but at the center of the play is a human relationship. If you're human and you're not deeply bigoted, then you can relate to the central relationship and care about it. You want these peo-

ple to get together and be okay."

Each production takes on its own personality, Ashley says, and that personality comes from the cast. The San Francisco cast boasts mostly local talent — Morgan Strickland as Jeffrey and Darlene Popovic in all the women's roles to name two — and some prime out-of-towners. Stephen Caffrey, *Fuzzy in Longtime Companion*, is Jeffrey's would-be love interest, and Judy Garland/Barbra Streisand impersonator Jim Bailey dons pants to play Sterling, Jeffrey's interior designing chum.

Bailey, who said no to a proposed "Judy Garland as

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## Film

Edward Guthmann's 'Return to Cameroun'

# Family Values

by Paul Bollwinkel

**A** look at a most untraditional, traditional family, *Chronicle* film critic Edward Guthmann's first film, *Return to Cameroun*, is a focused, richly evocative memory piece that bravely asks contemporary audiences to put aside preconceptions and travel back in time as Guthmann searches for his family's roots in Western Africa.

Guthmann's grandfather, Fred Hope, was a Presbyterian missionary in Cameroun from 1907 until his forced retirement in 1945. He founded an innovative industrial school for Bulu tribesmen, while his wife, Roberta, taught the women nutrition and child care. Their poignant love story (they were married on the ship that carried them to Africa) is recalled in letters read by Gena Rowlands and Pat Hingle. Isolated from their families in America, the couple raised five daughters in the remote Cameroun village of Elat, 110 miles inland from the Atlantic coast — at a time when few people questioned the work of American Christians on foreign soil.

Opening and closing with footage of a 1989 trip to Africa taken by Guthmann and two of his aunts, *Return to Cameroun* uses stills, archival footage, Guthmann's own narration, and interviews with his mother and aunts to tell the intimate story of a family living in a time and place that, when he started the project over six years ago, Guthmann knew little about.

"The story of my mother's childhood in Africa with her grandparents was almost mythic to me when I was growing up," Guthmann told me in a recent interview.

"It was this very exotic, mysterious world that I didn't have firsthand knowledge of, and my curiosity kept building as I got older. I had a strong desire to record the story and preserve it so that later generations would have access to it and it wouldn't be forgotten."

### Making Connections

While issues of race, imperialism and religion provide *Return to Cameroun* with a potent subtext, it's primarily a film about family and what

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homosexuality.

it means to feel connected to other people. For Guthmann, there's a link between his exploration and his own homosexuality.

"I probably won't have children, and this movie is something I can leave behind instead of children. When you're gay or lesbian and get to a certain age and you think about your life and you connection to your family and the world, I think you sort of have to manufacture a family or a sense of a family or community. [By making the movie,] I wanted to feel a connection with my family and to find out who my grandparents were. I think being gay increased that desire because I don't have a wife and children."

Missionary life required that the Hopes live three years in Cameroun and then spend a year in the States before returning for another three-year stint. For the daughters this pattern meant constant upheaval until, as teenagers, they returned to the U.S. for high school, leaving their parents behind.

### Degrees of Separation

Separation — the girls from their parents, Fred from his wife while on furlough, the family from America, Guthmann from his past — is the central theme in the film, and while the daughters have fond memories of a unique upbringing, they also reveal mixed feelings about their parents.

At one point his Aunt Esther tells the off-camera Guthmann, "I'm really slow getting to know people because when I was younger I'd get close to someone and then have to say good-bye."

"They all felt that to some degree," says Guthmann. "There's a reticence and shy-



Edward Guthmann puts down his pen and picks up the camera for *Return to Cameroun*. (Photo: Marc Geller)

ness they all have as a result of that experience. ... My mother would like to deny it, but in her heart of hearts, she felt abandoned. She doesn't want to say anything unkind about her parents, but her sister Winifred is very clear about it. She felt a loss."

The daughters, white-haired, well-spoken, charming and in their seventies, remember their father, Fred, as a fun-loving, often humorous man whose sense of purpose in Cameroun, and love for the people and the landscape, never wavered. While their stories — happy memories of traveling by steamship and playing with baby gorillas, and painful ones of separation and loss — give the film its heart, its spirit is found in Fred, the towering, powerful figure who inspired Guthmann's search.

"In some ways Fred was this benevolent, forgiving father figure. I feel that having made the movie and read his letters, I'm very connected to him."

"He was part of a mission that taught the Bible and converted people to Christianity, but what he was doing specifically was introducing, through the industrial school, self-sustaining trades and skills to the men of Cameroun. The industrial school aided them in the transition from colonialism to independence, and it was important that all the teachers he trained were native men, so it would be self-generating by the African people and they wouldn't be dependent on white folks, Americans."

### Personal Sacrifice

Guthmann, who spent a great deal of his own money on *Return to Cameroun* (he suffered a setback when some of his work was lost in the Oakland hills fire in 1991) and is now in debt because of it, has no regrets.

"The stage I'm in now, marketing, selling the movie and myself, I don't like so much. It's hard to sell myself. I'm not used to being a public person. But the creative part of making the film was the real joy for me. Putting it together and seeing it take shape. I'm feeling sort of nostalgic for that. When I finished, it was like postpartum depression."

For gay audiences *Return to Cameroun* is a thoughtful, gentle reminder that the concept of "family" — which so many would like to deny us — comes in all kinds of unexpected shapes and sizes. ▶



### History Lesson, Celebration

No one perceives the world quite like Barbara Hammer, which is why we're lucky she films her unique visions. In *Nitrate Kisses*, she explores lesbian and gay history — its creation, manipulation and destruction. There's a message here about the fragility of any generation's discourse: all that's left of the vibrant lesbian life of pre-Nazi Berlin, for instance, are faded memories and sketchy concentration camp records. But *Nitrate* is more than a history lesson. It's an erotic celebration of the irrepressibility of homosexual desire — in the face of threats of censorship and death — over this century. Hammer's elliptical, yet always comprehensible, narrative style matches her subject perfectly. *Nitrate Kisses* is at once highly evocative and richly informative. At the Castro (621-6120), Nov. 10-11.

### Banned in the U.S.A.

Speaking of censorship, its dogged cinema artists since the dawn of their medium. The Pacific Film Archive has assembled a nifty, 27-film series of some notable targets of various guardians of public morality. That censorship is ultimately about social control can be gleaned from a list of the ideas from which the supposedly impressionable masses have been "protected": interracial love (*Pinky*, 1949); sex (*Ecstasy*, 1932; *I Am Curious* — Yellow, 1967); birth control (*Where Are My Children*, 1916); nontraditional takes on religion (*The Miracle*, 1948; *The Last Temptation of Christ*, 1988); and homosexuality (*Looking for Langston*, 1988; *Tongues Untied*, 1989; *Poison*, 1991; *Henry and June*, 1990; *Flaming Creatures*, 1963; and *Scorpio Rising*, 1963). Guest lecturers include B. Ruby Rich and First Amendment lawyer Edward de Grazia.

At the PFA (510/642-1412), Nov. 5-Dec. 18.

### Banned in Britain

Banned not here but in Britain were two French-language propaganda films Alfred Hitchcock made for the British government during World War II. While making the 26-minute *Bon Voyage*, about an RAF pilot who unwittingly helps a German spy eliminate members of the French Resistance, Hitchcock observed that relations between the Free French and the Vichy collaborators were complex and often duplicitous. Consequently, *Voyage* and the 31-minute *Aventure Malgache* are quite dark — and hardly the glowing tributes to Resistance efforts the British Ministry of Information had in mind. Though not on a par with his masterworks, the well-made shorts are most interesting artifacts. They play with a 1973 Richard Schickel documentary on Hitchcock. At the Castro (621-6120), Nov. 8-9.

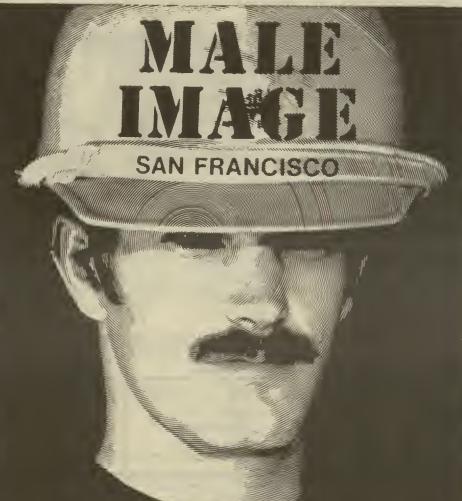
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Richard Wagner's 'Die Meistersinger'

## Highs and Lows

by Paul Thomason

Wagner's comic *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* is one of the great treasures in opera, and its first performance this season at the San Francisco Opera last Thursday was an enjoyable affair, even if what the audience got was more like a snapshot of a late Rembrandt self-portrait than the real thing.

Set in the middle of the 16th century on midsummer eve and day, *Meistersinger* is the story of the young knight Walther von Stolzing (tenor Ben Heppner) and Eva (soprano Karita Mattila) who fall in love at first sight. However, her father, Pogner (bass Jan-Hendrik Rootering in his SF Opera debut) has promised her hand in marriage to the master singer who wins a song contest. Also wooing Eva is the town clerk, Beckmesser (baritone Robert Orth in his local debut). At the center of the story is Hans Sachs (baritone Bernd Weikl in his SF Opera debut), a character modeled on an historic poet-cobbler who actually lived in Nuremberg and wrote a play called *Tristran und Isolde* in 1553. In the end, Walther's song carries the day, he wins Eva and is acclaimed a master singer.

Brevity was not Wagner's strong point and *Meistersinger* takes five hours to tell its happy tale. Fortunately Thursday night, music director Donald Runnicles conducted superbly, giving a nicely shaded, propulsive, always musical reading of the score. The orchestra, once past a troubled tuba in the overture, was truly world class, the solo woodwinds were often gorgeous and the horns covered themselves with glory, playing in tune and even delicately when required. *Bravi tutti.*

Top vocal honors went to the young lovers, Walther and Eva. Heppner was especially thrilling, singing with elan, positively sailing through this lengthy assignment, with only one miscalculation in the famous Quintet. What a treat to hear this role actually sung in the theater rather than coped-with. (When was the last time you heard a young heldentenor in the theater with an effortless trill? More than once, I thought of the great Leo Slezak.)

Mattila's Eva was a delight, radiantly glowing in her first scene with Walther and emotionally vibrant throughout. If she does not yet phrase as masterfully as Tiana Lemnitz or Maria Reining, that can be learned and may come with time.

## So-So Sachs

Hans Sachs is probably one of those roles, like Don Giovanni, that has so much potential no singer can convey it all in a single performance. Weikl's warm, mellow voice is easy on the ears, though vocally he did more successful coping than persuasive singing. He captured much of the humor and neighborliness of the cobbler, but Sachs' tremendous authority, as well as his melancholy and resignation, were

missing.

Wagner wrote high E's and F's for the bass-singing Pogner, but Rootering sailed through his part with ease. As David, Lars Magnusson looked fabulous and sang well, though a less metronomic rendition to his first scene would have been more effective.

John Del Carlo's Kothner (especially his descending triplet sixteenth-note passage in the first act) and Catherine Keene's Magdalene were also outstanding. Unfortunately, Keene mugged throughout as if she were on *The Carol Burnett Show*. But she and Orth were performing their roles for the first time and so, presumably, relied heavily on Lotfi Mansouri's direction. It failed them both.

Orth's Beckmesser was a total caricature, vocally and dramatically, which undercut the emotional vibrancy of the score in a truly distressing way. Wagner certainly intended Beckmesser to be the heavy in the story. He is spiteful, and pedantically concerned with details at the expense of the whole (some would say he behaves like a typical music critic.) But he is not the taller brother of Mime, the evil dwarf in *Siegfried*. There is no reason to make him ridiculous to the point of absurdity.

## Sketchy Direction

Like a writer who never uses two words if he can cram in 12, Mansouri has added gratuitous actions to Wagner's already detailed stage directions, like having the bruised and battered Beckmesser reappear after the Night Watchman (strongly sung by Victor Ledbetter) leaves the stage at the end of Act II, thereby negating some of Wagner's most beautifully ethereal music. Or having

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Beckmesser flail away with a strap at the empty air during his pantomime scene in Act III.

When composers like Wagner (and Puccini) wrote specific stage directions in their scores, they also wrote music to accompany them, giving these movements even more power. When stage directors, apparently not trusting either the composer or the audience, try to "improve" the score, or to "make it relevant" they often end up destroying much of the opera's impact, as often happened Thursday.

For instance, at the end of the opera when Sachs is praised by the citizens of Nuremberg, Weikl seemed overwhelmed with humility,



So-So Sachs, (Bernd Weikl), endures a hectoring Beckmesser (Robert Orth), while Walther (Ben Heppner) looks on.

doing a good imitation of digging his toe in the dirt (something that's never effective once one is over 18, as Sach's certainly is), before running offstage in embarrassment, only to reappear a few moments later as if leading his team back into the stadium for the second half of the Super Bowl. This false humility only undercuts the emotion Wagner's music conveys so brilliantly by itself.

*Meistersinger*, originally, was to have received a new production this season, but those plans were scrapped for lack of money. Given the strong musical pluses, it was better to revive the work in Robert Oswald's old designs than not have it at all. But the sets for Acts II and III are particularly provincial and ineffective.

After a rough beginning

(off-pitch singing and totally ignoring Wagner's dynamics) Ian Robertson's chorus, augmented by members of the Oakland Symphony Chorus, steadily improved, culminating in a ringing third act "Wach' auf!"

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# Remembering Bo

**The Listener, A Novella and Four Stories**  
by Bo Huston; St. Martin's Press, \$17.95

by Roberto Friedman

Bo Huston is gone, but not forgotten. When the young author of *The Dream Life and Horse and Other Stories* died last spring from complications due to AIDS, we lost another major talent just coming into his full artistic powers. Huston's last book, a collection of stories and a novella entitled *The Listener*, has just been published by St. Martin's Press, a publication that will be celebrated this weekend by a reading of acclaimed writers who were also Huston's friends.

In what can only be called an "all-star" line-up, the reading, featuring Dorothy Allison, Dodie Bellamy, Dennis Cooper, Bob Gluck, Kevin Killian and Sara Miles, will take place at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint on Sunday, November 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. Gluck, author of *Jack the Modernist*, calls the Huston tribute "a spirited gathering of his friends" and promises it will be "a randy event, not somber or dignified, an entertainment. We plan it as a reading with a lot of high jinks." This is in step with Huston's work, which, though peopled with loners, the dispossessed and alienated, was never grim, did not settle for despair.

The new book pleases and astonishes. The title novella finds Paul, a gay man from San Francisco, escaping the city and its memories of dy-

ing friends for a type of spiritual retreat, a house in a small town on the north coast. Writes Paul in a letter to his sister: "A few years ago, I'd go to memorial services of people who'd died of AIDS, and the tragedy, the waste was shocking, seemed unbearable. Now, services have come to be routine gestures; a few of us hang out on the church steps, smoking cigarettes, distinctly unhysterical. People crack a few jokes. We've all got so used to this

**The collection's four stories are moving in their portrayal of the marginal types in whom Huston specialized.**

horror."

*The Listener* alternates chapters between Paul and Jane, an eccentric who scandalizes the town's gossips with her crazed behaviors and the abusive treatment of her young son. Before novel-



Bo Huston

la's end, Jane undergoes an odd spiritual transformation and becomes something of a faith healer. The story veers off into fictive territory reminiscent of Flannery O'Connor, a master of the Southern Gothic whom Huston called one of his favorite authors. It seems an odd twist until you re-examine the whole story as a spiritual parable, concerned with redemption of the soul and the possibility of salvation.

#### No Clichés

The collection's four stories are moving in their portrayal of the marginal types in whom Huston specialized, society's oddballs presented without apology or plays for sympathy. "This Is Not That," the story of a young ne'er-do-well who comes home to his mother to die, is striking for

its straightforward treatment of a potentially melodramatic scene. The protagonist of "Freud's Big Trouble" is a man who may or may not be guilty of child molestation. A third story concerns a discontented elementary school teacher who finally snaps during her work day, breaking many of the taboos set up around children. Finally, in "My Monster" Huston brilliantly evokes the social ostracism of a stranger based upon fleeting impressions. The monster of the tale, a guy named Robert, turns out to be a fairly decent sort, once he is seen with a job and a briefcase.

The reading at Josie's will be a kind of community celebration for a tight-knit community of writers and readers. Dodie (The Letters of Mina Harker) Bellamy told me she will be reading a piece she wrote for Sam D'Allesandro, another young gay writer we lost to the mer-

ciless plague. Dennis (Frisk) Cooper will make a rare San Francisco appearance. Kevin (Shy) Killian will read a story he wrote in collaboration with Huston. And as for Dorothy (Bastard Out of Carolina) Allison, as Gluck says, "With Dorothy, you never know whether you should rent out Dodger Stadium for her fans."

"Bo was one of the most talented writers in town," Killian says. "He was always very amusing and perceptive of people. And he never let his own illness get in the way of writing or of living. He really was an angel who walked among us." ▼

*Editor's Note: "An Entertainment for Bo Huston" will be at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St., on Sunday, November 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are sliding scale, \$6 - \$10. Call 861-7933 for information.*

# No Ordinary Octogenarian

**Coming Unbuttoned**  
by James Broughton; City Lights, \$11.95

by John F. Karr

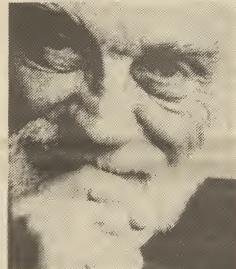
**A**lthough it is clearly we who should be showering him with gifts and gratitude on his 80th birthday, that master magician and shameless sprite of gaiety, James Broughton has given us, an adoring public, a most fetching present — his memoirs, titled simply, *Coming Unbuttoned*.

Although his mother intended him to be a surgeon, marry well, and make pots of money, Broughton's destiny was quite different, and this witty and impudent account of his diverse travels, professions and friendships covers all continents and careers, both high and low, from the Merchant Marines to academia. It presents us with fresh and frequently sassy views of his many famous friends, including Jean Cocteau, W.H. Auden, Pauline Kael, Anais Nin, and especially, Alan Watts. Some sacred cows are mercilessly slaughtered — I'm still shivering from Broughton's choice skewering of Ms. Nin — while others gain in stature from Broughton's expose, particularly Mr. Watts.

Indeed, *Coming Unbuttoned* is a dish-feast. The author seems to have sharpened his teeth for this one, and there's more than a touch of settling the score. The high gossip quotient of the book, aided as much by Broughton's lack of restraint in self-revelation as by the easy flow of his prose, may cause many readers to merely skim the tome looking for naughty nuggets. But this would be a mistake, for the book's true heart and frequently touching depths are revealed only upon a slower reading.

#### Spiritual Mission

At the age of three, Broughton experienced the major epiphany of his life. Looking out his window one



James Broughton: still looking for The Big Joy.

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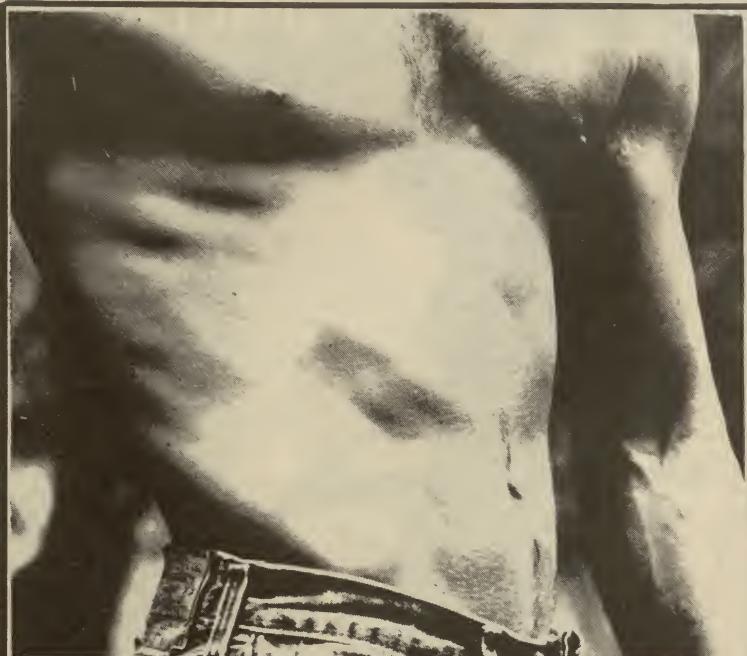
autumn night, he saw a naked boy step out of a whirling ball of light. Young James knew he was heaven-sent; he was Hermy, and he represented a company whose business was health care for the soul. And, he tells us, Hermy wanted James to work for them.

The vision insisted Broughton would always be a poet. He would worship wonder and celebrate life. His chief tool, proffered by the vision as a gift, would be merriment: James was to be a spokesman for the Big Joy.

And in a long career as an experimental filmmaker and poet, Broughton has done just that. Whenever he was down in the dumps, he would ask himself if he was letting Hermy down. "What are you doing to persuade men of their holiness?" he would ask himself. "How's your field work going for the Big Joy? Did you forget that life is an ever-expanding audacity?"

Such an agenda may, in part, explain Broughton's eagerness to prick. For instance, he recounts how he deflated Elsa Gidlow, a stuffy English poet, "conscientious lesbian and something of a witch," when she reacted with a frown to a pithy verse he wrote encapsulating Buddhism. "Do you always use a rhyming dictionary?" she snuffled, to which he replied,

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## Making Waves with *The Ocean Blue*

# Atypical Suburban Boys

by Adrian Roberts

With their bright melodies and pi-  
quant harmonies, I initially dubbed  
East Coast band, The Ocean Blue, as "the Air Supply of  
the '90s." I didn't think it was  
that insulting, but when I  
told this to keyboardist Steve  
Lau in a recent B.A.R. phone  
interview, he heartily dis-  
agreed.

"I've seen it written where  
we've been called 'wimpy,'" he  
said. "And I suppose if you  
compare us to the current  
trend, we are lighter than a  
lot of other bands, but at least  
we don't do sappy love songs."

And he's right. Lead singer  
and songwriter David  
Schelzel prefers the *bete  
noire*, intellectual approach,  
as evidenced by the laconic  
profundities of the Kierkegaard-inspired "Ei-  
ther/Or" from their just re-  
leased third album, *Beneath the Rhythm and Sound*.

The Ocean Blue, composed  
of four very cute guys who  
don't look a bit like they're  
from the small middle-America  
town from whence they  
hail, was formed in Hershey,  
Pennsylvania, a decade ago.  
The four came together (pun  
not intended, but it's a nice

fantasy) when they discovered  
each other as social outcasts  
in their suffocating, con-  
formist, suburban milieu.  
(Isn't this the genesis of all  
rock bands?)

In the beginning they  
played all the local clubs in  
town, which was great except  
no one wanted to hear their  
songs, so for a while they did  
mostly cover tunes, including  
in their sets songs by U2 and  
R.E.M. — music that was just  
starting to break through the  
Bon Jovi-encrusted consciousness of mid-'80s middle America.

The band didn't get its  
first big break until 1988, when they signed with  
Sire/Reprise. One year later,  
they released their debut album,  
the self-titled *The Ocean Blue*. The record was  
an instant hit, earning accolades almost overnight from  
major critics and winning fans on the college radio circuit, an important test market for any up-and-coming band.

### Queen Among Kings

Now, of course, The Ocean Blue has entered puberty and come face to face with the typical — and not so typical — kinds of problems that dog most bands at this crucial age. For one thing, Steve revealed



The Ocean Blue: Rob, Steve, David and Bobby. "Not interested in sappy love songs."

his homosexuality to his  
bandmates. "I think my coming  
out was a growing period for all of us," Steve told me, adding later that the pressure put on him from the record  
company to not come out  
didn't help matters.

This, coupled with band-  
mates' increasingly divergent  
artistic interests, resulted in  
1991's slightly melancholy  
*Cerulean*, a quasi-concept album  
that took fans by surprise, not because it was bad,  
only that it seemed more pre-  
occupied with mood and tex-

ture than strong songwriting.

Their latest release, how-  
ever, finds the band returning  
to form. Concentrating more  
on individual songs, Steve  
readily admits, made this "a  
much easier record to make."  
The first single, the gentle  
and soaring "Sublime," has al-  
ready received wide critical  
acclaim and airplay. Though  
some fans complain that the  
band sounds too highly pol-  
ished these days, the overall  
product is not inconsistent  
with their earlier material.

only now there's clearly more  
variation among the songs.

With their first headlining  
tour underway, the band  
seems well-poised for a foray  
into the Big Time. "This is  
the first time we haven't been  
an opening band," Steve told  
me about their current tour.  
"And it's so much nicer to go  
out on stage and know that  
everyone is there to see you."

**The Ocean Blue**  
The Kennel Club, Nov. 5  
9:30-11:15

## Jeffrey

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Mame" show to be in *Jeffrey*, is thrilled to be in trousers and in a play. "I've waited a long time for this," he says. When asked about the last time he wore pants and got paid for it, he answers, "Oh, God, who can remember back that far?" (For the record it was in a Canadian film called *The Surrogate*). Bailey actually began his career in theater with roles in shows like *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Bells Are Ringing*, so Jeffrey

isn't such a stretch. But Bailey never leaves Judy far behind. He says he is doing things she never got to do in her lifetime. "She always wanted to do a Broadway show," he says. "She could never have done it — she did not have that kind of discipline or that kind of life. So when I'm doing what I'm doing now, I feel like I'm doing something she'd be proud of. I think she would have loved this play."

**Jeffrey**  
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## Broughton

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"How else would I have learned to rhyme cunt with waterfront?"

### All Heart

Yet the imp in Broughton was always at work trying to move people from head to heart, so that the intellect could not prevent experience of the Big Joy. This is touchingly demonstrated in his recollections of Alan Watts, the man whose writings did much to popularize Eastern philosophies in this country.

Although publicly an open-hearted, expansive and enlightened man, Watts escaped personal isolation in drink. The books he wrote, which helped so many others, were little consolation to him, for books were all concepts, and how Broughton asked pointedly, does one take hold of a concept? Illuminating for us the primary quest of his life and work, Broughton asks:

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**Editor's Note:** Next Thursday, James Broughton's birthday will be celebrated at the Art Institute. Broughton will read from his recently published memoirs *Coming Unbuttoned* and screen three of his films — *Adventures With Jimmy* (1950), *Testament* (1974), and *Scattered Remains* (1988, made with Joel Singer). Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m. at the San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St.

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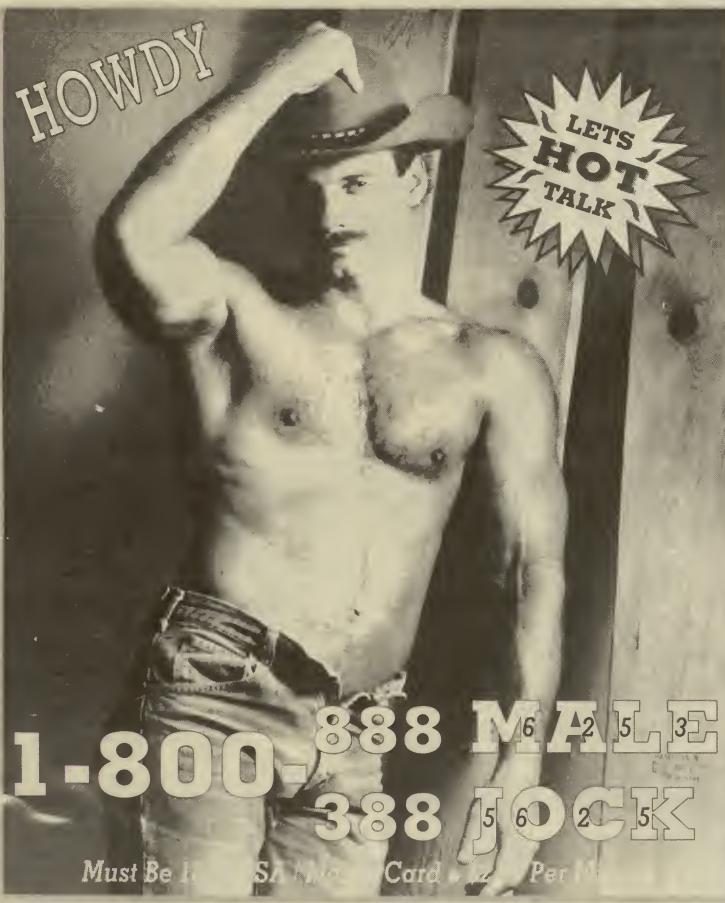
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## Books

### Grahn

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needs to be redefined. *Blood, Bread, and Roses* gives us a new set of terms to think with. What makes us human. Where did we come from? What are our minds made of? I'm saying our relationship to menstrual rites has given us methods of thinking, what I call 'menstrual logic.' And as soon as we remember these things — and this book goes a long way toward doing that — we'll have a new sense of what kind of animal we are. There are many different choices about being human that don't necessarily mean tearing up the entire earth and turning it into crafts or settling everything through warfare or having family systems along the same lines that they have been. There are many alternatives. We've used them in the past and we can use them again."

### Happiest Time

Calling *Blood, Bread, and Roses* her masterwork, Grahn says it was a project more than 20 years in the making which took her more than three years to write. She says it was the happiest time of her working life. "After I realized that I had a new origin story, I was nearly in a state of levitation for almost a year. I worked night and day. And while it's based on scholarly research, it takes place inside my real life and also includes a running monologue about my mother and how I looked at my mother's life and about certain ways she had of raising me. I began to see that all modern practices can be traced back to things that happened in an elemental and formative way in menstrual seclusion rites. I began to gather more and more instances in ordinary life that might connect."

That connection extends to the genders, as well. "What I realized when I did *Another Mother Tongue* was that there was no possible way to explain and understand gay culture if you only looked at one of the genders — I had to look at both of them to see the whole picture. And that's true in this book as well. Even though it's about menstruation and origin, there's this dance that goes on between women and men as we try to teach each other the different things we have learned through blood ritual." She hopes that gay men, whom she describes as cultural shamans because they are so often in the forefront of understanding change, will "take this book, read it, and share the ideas with other men."

In *Blood, Bread, and Roses* — the title is taken from the early 20th-century labor movement and a meditation on the cultivation of roses and women's lives — Grahn observes: "We have all been shaped by our ancestral ideas ... We are all here in the forms our ancestors revered because they thought that was what kept the world together ... But now we have new tools with which to see ourselves whole."

It's as though we've been asleep, she says, as though we don't remember where any of our culture has truly come from. Quoting from her book, *The Queen of Wands*, she asks: "Who shall wake us if we don't wake ourselves?" If we remember again, I believe we can change to a new point of view. It's time now for history to take a turn, and this book will help it take that turn."

### Hard Working

Now one of the best-selling women poets working in America, Grahn's career — although she doesn't describe it as that so much as a body of work — stretches back to the late 1960s, when she first joined forces with a few other women to found the first lesbian-feminist organizations and then the Women's Press Collective, the first all-women's publishing house in the country. The Press Collective, which published work by the late Pat Parker, among others, was founded more by necessity than desire. "Being a lesbian, there was no way I could be published," Grahn recalls. "I could either stop writing and become a completely oral poet, or I could start a press. I didn't want to run a press, but there wasn't



Judy Grahn

a choice. That's true of many writers whose work is radical — they are likely to start a press, unless they have a friend with money and we didn't have any of that. But we did have lots of enthusiasm. And we discovered that once there's a press, then there's a readership. And as women began wanting to read exclusively about themselves and with a brand-new content centered on their real lives, there became what is now called a market. At that point, we certainly didn't think about a political constituency. But within three or four years, we had a market as well as a political constituency."

The *Common Woman Poems* would go on to earn Grahn international acclaim as one of the first lesbian-feminist poets of the radical '70s. During that decade, she would author *Edward the Dyke*, the *She Who* poems, and a pair of anthologies titled, *True to Life Adventure Stories*, which contained stories by many young lesbian authors, such as Dell Richards, who would go on to build stellar careers.

The publishing movement, though, was taking its toll on Grahn. "I was trying to live on coffee and cigarettes and kerosene fumes from the press. I just about collapsed." Then in 1979, the press closed after being vandalized.

Judy Grahn's career as a printer was over, but in many ways her work as a serious poet was just beginning. She was able to devote herself to writing in ways she'd only imagined before. "I took a year or two to recover myself. I changed my diet, some habits of mind and so on, and to my great relief I could concentrate on my own work." That was when she began doing the research she needed for her mythological work. The result was her compelling *Queens Chronicles* of poetry, which has so far resulted in the critically acclaimed *Queen of Wands* and the *Queen of Swords*. Grahn is also the author of *The Highest Apple* and a lesser-known eco-feminist novel *Mundane's World*. She received a Lammy in 1990 for *Really Reading Gertrude Stein*, a book appreciating the works of her mentor. ▼

*Editor's Note:* Judy Grahn will appear at *A Different Light Bookstore* on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. along with Dell Richards, Alan Miller, Marvin K. White, Nisa Donnelly and Fenton Johnson. Nisa Donnelly is the author of *The Bar Stories*, which won the 1990 Lammy for Lesbian Fiction, and a novel, *The Love Songs of Phoenix Bay*, to be published next year by St. Martin's Press.

## Preston

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would only have an out editor. When he hired me, I was the only out gay editor in New York.

*How did you go from there to becoming an author?*

I had no intention of being a writer. I just started writing *Mr. Benson* in *Drummer* in 1978. That got the whole thing going. By the way, the late George Whitmore was one of the few people who understood that *Mr. Benson* was a comedy. People didn't understand that. They thought it was real. They saw an archetype where I saw a cartoon.

*Why pornography?*

Pornography was a place where I did not expect the judgment of the academy which said I could not be an English major. While I was growing up, there was no world outside of Easton and the academy. Feeling as I did, that I was the outsider, combined with my sexuality, meant I was barred. But when *Drummer* and magazines like it began, they were not barred to me.

*Whereas more literary ones, like Christopher Street, were?*

That's what I thought. I started as a porn writer, and I started to feel comfortable with that. I'm always writing to a particular audience. I'm having an intimate conversation with this audience, and if someone else can hear what we're saying, that's fine. All that dates from my moving to Maine. Before, I was feeling my way.

*I still have my "Looking for Mr. Benson" T-shirt. It had an effect.*

Partly because the porn that was being published, most of the writing was terrible and not very inventive. I was writing about real fantasies, about locales that my readers knew. What happened was that in some way I caught that moment in time. 1978. You remember in the Castro and in Chelsea how the leather scene was just getting going, the boys out on the corners at night, the backroom clubs. ... And when you have audience response like I did with *Mr. Benson*, it sort of slaps you in the face, and you think, Well what are you going to do now?

*Isn't there a self-destructive element to pornography? Its function is to make you horny enough to come? Then what? It's disposable, no?*

If porn is not striking, then it's disposable. I'm told by readers how often they return to it. So the repetition, the turning back to it, has meaning. It also teaches. We're not at all finished with our sexuality. Porn gives us new ways to reflect on what life is like. What stimuli do we respond to? And a lot of gay men aren't responding so much to the transgressive nature of porn, but to the stories it tells. Because the stories are already familiar.

*In "The Theatre of Sexual Initiation," you write about the "ritualization" of the "theatrics" developed at the*

*Mineshaft and similar places in the '70s. Theatrics is an initiation into manhood?*

That essay was written for a theatre anthology, and what I was doing was showing how a place like the Mineshaft could be considered theatre. I wanted to take the reader through it, as the reader would go into any other theatre space.

*But anyone who's been in a sex club knows that something beyond "playing" is happening. Is humiliation always a part of the initiation into manhood? Is pain?*

Neither is needed. But exposure is part of what is going on. Exposure in many different ways. Being at a bathhouse, for example, is being naked—exposed—in front of other men. Performing public sex is the same thing.

*In "What Happened," you write of how the S/M scene has softened.*

As more and more men join these organizations, it's become clear to me that if they were straight, they'd belong to the Rotary Club. They're really more intent on being part of a group that has very little to do with sex. Now, there are Slave Schools and Top Schools, and the Slave and Top Schools get together for a sort of final examination. The wonder—and banality—of S/M is how it is so easily codified. But there's a level of intent beyond that which can never be codified.

And now there's all this business of who initiates and trains who. Lately, more and more, it's the bottom who does the training. It seems to me that the top should be the mentor and the initiator. That was my experience. To have an S/M scene run by a bunch of pushy bottoms is very bizarre to me.

*In "How Dare You Even Think About It?" you bring up the situation of HIV-positive and AIDS-symptomatic people having sex.*

The outrage is telling HIV-positive and HIV-symptomatic people not to have sex. The stealing of your sexuality. ... When I first got my diagnosis, I saw that happening to me and saw that it was something I collaborated in.

*You've got two books coming out, *Flesh and the Word*—Volume 2 and *My Life As a Pornographer*.*

And I'm doing a third volume in the *Flesh and the Word* series. I've got a fabulous dirty story about Harvard. I got this really good, hot story, and when I reached the end, I found that the author had footnoted it!

*Of the new essays, two of my favorites are quite humorous, "Underwear as Pornography" and "A Modest Proposal for the Support of Pornography."*

The modest proposal is that everyone should put out for porn writers, especially me. I wrote that because I wasn't getting enough sex. ▼

*Editor's Note: As part of this year's Bay Area Book Festival, John Preston will appear on a panel with Susie Bright, titled "Erotica and Porn," Nov. 7 at 4:15 p.m. at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 8th St. For information, call 861-BOOK.*

## Bibliophiles

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others' works. The event unfolds at the Concourse Exhibition Center (635 8th St.), and admission is free.

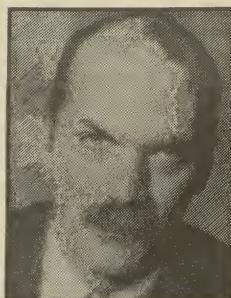
This year's festival will offer 300 publisher, bookstore and library booths; celebrity cooking classes; a Poets & New Writers Showcase; hands-on demonstrations of multimedia publishing and the traditional bookmaking arts; a literary rap contest; professional publishing seminars; and a special section coordinated by the Multimedia Publishers Exchange with titles by and about African, Asian, Chicano, Latino, Pacific Islander and Native Americans.



June Jordan

will have a panel of authors discussing fiction and the third is entitled, "We Have Been Everywhere," and will feature Jewelle Gomez, Randy Connor, Gavin Dillard and other writers.

A new feature of the Book Fair is the "Publishing Triangle," an area of the gay and lesbian section where more than 300 titles from over 40 publishers will be displayed in one booth. The Publishing



John Preston

Triangle is a New York-based professional association for gay and lesbian people in the book business.

Labonte noted, "It is costly for single publishers to get involved in the fair, so I came up with the idea of a consortium. This way the cost of a booth is defrayed among many small publishing houses, and they each have a chance to display their books." In addition to books, magazines of all persuasions will be on display and for sale, including *Slippery When Wet*, *Frighten the Horses*, *Steam* and other publications.

"As a bookseller I think I'm typical," said Labonte. "We tend to spend a great deal of time in our own stores, and being involved with the Book Festival gives me a chance to meet other booksellers."

When asked to comment about the state of current gay and lesbian publishing Labonte said, "I think books are better written and edited than years ago. In 1979 we carried approximately 900 titles, or 3000 books, and now we carry 14,000 titles, which is about 35,000 to 40,000 books. People will come in and ask why we don't carry cook books, but we can only carry so much." ▼

*Editor's Note: The Fourth Annual San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival runs November 6-7 at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 635 8th St. Festival hours each day are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 861-BOOK.*

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# BAY AREA REPORTER SPORTS AND FITNESS

## Bodybuilding

*Preparing for the NPC Bodybuilding Competition*

## Posing Action

by Dianne Aaronson

The annual October National Physique Committee (NPC), an untested event, known as "The San Francisco Contest," draws good solid competition from a large number of local bodybuilders, including gays and lesbians. This year the Bay Area Reporter followed two bodybuilders who started in the lesbian and gay bodybuilding scene — Neil Nabbeleld and Denise Ward — through the recent NPC competition.

The last three days before a contest — the cut-off time for working out — consists primarily of mental preparation and posing. On Thursday, two days before the show, Nabbeleld was feeling very relaxed. He enjoyed his new found freedom and relaxation listening to music on the stereo and doing little things around the house he usually doesn't have time for. When the B.A.R. caught up with Nabbeleld he said it was first day putting carbs back in his diet ("carb depletes" are a common bodybuilding prepa-



Upper photo: Women posing at the 1993 NPC San Francisco Bodybuilding Championships.

(Photo: Phyllis Christopher)



Lower photo: Neil Nabbeleld in the center of the men's mid-male line-up.

ration, as they help trim off fat and water). As anyone who has ever dieted for a contest will tell you, foods are drugs, and as such, the elimination or addition of certain items can severely change your emotional state via biochemistry. Because carbohydrates provide energy, a day without carbs is a day without sunshine. Nabbeleld admitted to having felt so badly the night before our interview that he very nearly came to tears. However, Nabbeleld was philosophical about his discomforts. He realized that they would soon pass. It is the goal, not the process, that he focused on. "I'm a very goal-oriented person. It's hard for me to do something unless I have a goal, which is one of the reasons that I compete. I don't do it for a boyfriend or my job, but for me. It keeps me in shape and I like pushing myself hard."

### Longtime Weight Trainer

Nabbeleld said he's been weight training for at least 12 years, but it's only in the past four or five years that he's begun doing what he calls "serious bodybuilding." Physique '90 was his first show, followed closely by Gay Games III in Vancouver, where he and I were a team (we received the gold medal for mixed pairs.) Since then he's participated in many contests, running the gamut of gay, straight, tested and untested shows.

Nabbeleld trains year-round, with a three month "off" period during which time he works out only three times per week. During this time he concentrates primarily

on classic power-lifting to help build mass. He also spends at least six hours doing cardiovascular training to stay lean.

Dieting is a big part of staying fit said Nabbeleld, who prefers dieting slowly as opposed to trying to accomplish a lot of last minute miracles. One reason for doing this is that you're not left with loose skin folds and, he said, you lose less muscle. Another is that you make lots of discoveries as the fat comes off. If you discover them early enough [such as symmetry imbalances] there's still time to correct them." At this point his cardiovascular training still consists of six hours, but he increases his training days to four and increases the intensity, keeping the weights heavy but increasing the reps.

"I tend to keep my reps higher than most, but I think it pays off. The muscle looks harder and has a better shape, not as blocky as the kind of body you'd see on a power-lifter. Symmetry is important to me because I have some body disadvantages. I'm not a mesomorph, so I don't get really big, and my hips are fairly wide, so I go for symmetry and shape. I can't just go out and throw a 'most muscular' [pose] and have everybody scream. Because I'm not huge, this also means I may not win as many contests, but I get out there and accomplish what I can," he said.

Two to three months before a contest, Nabbeleld said he trains four times a week, but he increases his aerobics to include eight to twelve hours per week. The last five

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## Bodybuilding

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pre-contest weeks consist of occasional split routines (more than once a day), and he also works his weaker body parts each session. The last week consists of full body workouts each day. "In other words, it starts out kind of slow and picks up until you're almost ridiculous at the end."

Nabbeleld said he has a definite bias toward gay-sponsored shows, because they allowed him to get started. "It was a warm feeling when I was out there, everybody was treated on an equal level. This is great, because at, say, an NPC show, someone competing in the novice class could have been around for years, just not gotten a title in that particular show. A beginner could leave that show wondering why he'd ever been stupid enough to get out there on stage and perhaps never try again. Other Federations aren't trying to get that warm fuzzy feeling," he explained. "I feel it's also important to do more serious shows, just to see what's out there and see how you measure up."

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Denise Ward was looking for a lifestyle change when she took up bodybuilding. In December, 1990, as a Christmas present to herself, Ward stopped smoking. Realizing that she would probably gain weight as a result, she decided to start exercising. She

also began getting regular massages and, in the process of becoming more in tune with her body and more interested in the whole health issue, Ward said she relied heavily on her massage therapist for clues about how to get healthy.

"I wanted to change and I thought, okay, what does she [the massage therapist] do? One of the things she did was bodybuilding, so I decided to give it a try," explained Ward. "At the time I weighed 174 pounds and was totally sedentary, her extreme opposite. She was a great role model." Though initially Ward only



First place heavyweight  
Denise Ward lifts her trophy  
high. (Photo: Neil Nabbeleld)

trained to get in shape, and never imagined that she would ever actually compete in bodybuilding, that's what eventually came to pass.

### Rejected Passivity

"Before I started training, I felt like life was happening to me, instead of the other way around," she said. "I spent my life trying to deal with the ebbs and flows and the occasional tidal wave. I wasn't living. I felt like a victim. I was uncomfortable around other people and felt unsure about what I said and did. I must admit I had a self-esteem problem." Training at the gym, however, changed Ward's attitude. Now she was the one in control. Her body changed because she changed it through nutrition, weight training and an aerobic regimen. In June of last year she competed in her first contest, Physique '92.

"Getting up on stage in a bikini that weighed less than an ounce was a huge challenge for me. I'd never even owned a bikini before — I went through life doing the beach in one-pieces. It wasn't the act of getting on stage that was the challenge. I had performed before, but as a guitar player/singer. This was different. Throughout my life I'd been told that I had a great voice. But no one had ever told me that I had a great body, or that I was pretty. Training for a physique contest changed all of that."

Ward sees bodybuilding as an excellent discipline of the body and the mind — training through injuries, having control over one's diet, working diligently toward a goal. "When I was a kid I used to

have fantasies, goals that I'd like to reach, but as an adult I never thought I could reach them. Now I've learned to set goals I can accomplish."

Ward admitted that doing the gay show first instead of a mainstream, "straight" show was a good move. She'd felt supported — the audience was warm and felt like family. "Now it wouldn't matter to me if it was Physique, the S.F. Contest or the Games. I've prepared my package the best I can and I can now look forward to getting out there to do my personal best."

### The Show Day

The "San Francisco Contest," on October 23, 1993, was an upbeat show on a warm day. At the pre-judge, I noted less drugged out competitors than I'd expected. It, after all, is an untested show. I was pleased to find that most of the women and men

on stage looked natural, though the audience provided an interesting array of huge bodies and big hair. There was a fairly good turn-out in each competitive class. In the men's division, Nabbeleld's class (middleweight) provided the hardest competition — eight competitors, four of whom were outstanding. Nabbeleld managed to win second place nevertheless.

Ward's class (heavyweight women's) had only four contestants, but it was still a close race. Ward won first place. I was especially happy with this decision because some of the women competitors looked like they could have been steroid users. This time, at least, the judges favored with 'natural' over the enhanced physique, a hopeful sign for the future. ▼

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on page 51.**

## Where Condoms and Sports Connect

### Official Condom for Commonwealth Games

United Press International

VICTORIA, British Columbia — The Commonwealth Games in Victoria next summer will feature athletes from 66 countries, 11 days of events, pageantry and an official condom.

Games spokeswoman Amy Hart said last week that condoms manufactured by Ortho McNeil Co. will be the official condom of the Commonwealth Games August 18-28, 1994.

Officials said the manufacturer will pay up to \$200,000 for official product designation. The logo for the games will be emblazoned on condom packages.

Hart said condoms probably will be made available to athletes visiting the event's medical facilities, rather than distributed to participants.

"We realize that some of the athletes are young; for example, some gymnasts can be as young as 14," she said. "We believe condom use is a matter of personal choice and can be dependent on the morals of different countries."

### Gay Games Have Condom Sponsor, Too

Organizers of the 1994 Gay Games in New York have announced that there will be official condom sponsors at the event. The brands are Kimono and Maxx. Mayer Laboratories in Oakland, CA will be the distributor.

"Kimono is a standard form-fitted condom, and Maxx was the first larger shaped condom on the U.S. market made by anybody," said Mike Smith, Vice President of Operations and Finance for Mayer Laboratories as the official sponsor. Newsletter describes Mayer Laboratories as the official sponsor. Smith explained they are a marketing and distribution company focusing on sexual health care — Kimono and Maxx are the official Gay Games sponsors.

Yet Mayer Laboratories is the distribution company that will get the condoms there. Their distribution goal is to provide a higher quality sexual health care product, and to inject a little humor into condoms. The company is known for sending giant sized dancing condoms into the SF Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade.

In honor of the Gay Games, Mayer Laboratories will also champion condom sports, a new field of athletic endeavor, to be unveiled at the New York Gay Games in June, 1994. Bay Area Reporter asked Smith to satisfy our curiosity as to what exactly condom sports are. Smith declined to respond but reminded us how well condoms fill with water.

Mayer Laboratories will also distribute lesbian-oriented information on how to turn condoms into dental dams. "Most dental dams are too thick," said Smith. In addition, the official testing standards for condoms are also higher than those for dental dams. ▼

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Bi Woman wants pretty slut boy (M/F), bottom or switch for mutual body worship, light domination, whipping, butt and play and intimate wrassling. N/S only. EXT 1482.



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GWM, 33, Bl/Gm, 5'6", 135, HIVneg, mostly bttm seeks guys 26-38 for dating, movies, dinners, sex. Prefer Bl or Brn GWM. LTR poss. EXT 1443.

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GWM, HIVpos, Italian top, 5'10", 43, 155 seeks Bl/Bl, slender bottom, 30-40 for dating/LTR. N/S, N/D, lean, muscular, sexy body seeks cute GWM/LM, 24-32, HIVneg, masculine and hot looking a plus. Don't wait. EXT 1448.

GWM, 32, Blond, 5'9", 140, good shape, gdkng. You be 25-33, GWM, like romantic eyes with fire and wine. Me HIVpos, you the same. EXT 1449.

GWM top, 28yo, 5'10", gdkng, masc, lean, stache, drk hr/eyes, seek GWM, bottom or switch for mutual body worship, light domination, whipping, butt and play and intimate wrassling. N/S only. EXT 1450.

GAM, 28, 5'5", 110 seeking GWM, mature, in ship, Novice. I'm live in S. Bay, willing to relocate. Drop a line if you are interested. No older than 39. EXT 1451.

Oakland Bottom seeks LTR with hung masc top who likes fucking smaller guy. Me: 5'3", defined, hairy bod, great legs, nipples and ass. EXT 1452.

I'm lkng for a M w/ bright shiny smile, in my 20's or early 30's and an accomplished talent for gung and rovg head. Rel oriented. I'm 35, well hung, 6', 180, vrhy, Bl/Bl, educ, secure and happy. I'm a noticeable guy. I want to meet a M who is sim to me. EXT 1454.

Ardent Lover. Genuine yng man, new to area. Great looks, great heart, masculine well built, mustache, romantic, honest, spiritual Br/Br, 5'10", 165. In search of topman w/ facial hair, N/S, who is honest, romantic, gdkng, w/ great heart, knows the value of a good friendship and intense sex. EXT 1475.

Goodlooking established GWM, 40's, HIVneg, 6'2", 190 seeks younger, trim Asian to nurture. EXT 1482.

GWM, 27, 6', Br/HzL, 165, HIVpos sks top. I'm 30 plus, tall professional, 30-45 for poss relationship. EXT 1483.

Prof GAM, into movies and Asian food sks strt looking GWM, 30-40, attr and fit for frndshp and dating. EXT 1484.

You: Red head, fair, blue. Me: Ital, big, guileless. Deeply want lifemate, guitaris mover, real handsome, not jaded. EXT 1485.

Handsome, sensitive direct type of M, 41, GWM, 5'10", 175, Blk/HzL, looking for attr M, 25-40 for fun, romance relationship, HIVneg. EXT 1486.

GWM mid age, fit, N/S, quiet evenings, romantic, outdoors, seeks similar GA/BM for friendship, poss LTR. EXT 1487.

Topish, Trekkie, cook, sexual, spirit/prof, wide in interest, N/S, N/A, for LTR/ dating by hot, cute American/Latin. EXT 1488.

GAM, 28, 5'9", 175, music body, healthy, attractive seek GWM, 25-35 for friends and more EXT 1489.

Cute WM, in Santa Rosa, 36, 5'10", 160, mustache, seek same for romantic times and fun. Love to kiss and cuddle. I'm a bottom. EXT 1490.

You can massage me into submission, I can massage you to fulfillment. Wanna cum? I'm your mature, HIVneg femme tension relief. EXT 1491.

Mature femme has smooth lily white buns for you to enjoy often. HIVneg, cum adore, cum to me. EXT 1492.

Big cuddly teddy M. Drk Blu. 6'2", 190, hrh bdy, generous portions looking for healthy M, 35-45, with big appetite, fun, outgoing and into good times above the belt. EXT 1493.

GAM, 27, honest friendly homebody type looking for one to one relationship with a man Gay. Straight or Bi Male. EXT 1494.

San Jose cute Hispanic, 25, 5'9", 135 sks honest, straight acting G/W/Mex 18-28 for frndshp, poss LTR. Ser only plz. You won't be sorry. EXT 1495.

GWM, 38, hairy, husky, balding, moustache seeks guy, 20-30 with attractive boyish looks for possible relationship. Into safe versatile sex. EXT 1496.

Goodlooking Straight type, not into gay life. 39, 6'1", 200, exception to what you've met seeks similar masculine guy who is beautiful inside. EXT 1521.

Handsome, masc, GWM, 32, 6'2", 183, muscular, hung well, successful, humorous seeks GAM under 34, sincere, down to earth for dating/LTR. EXT 1527.

Slender or muscular, clean shaven masculine Asian, 46, 5'9" into workouts, arts and the outdoors. EXT 1528.

Attention men over 60 with a belt naughty boy, 57 yrs young needs whipping and loving. I always do as I'm told. EXT 1529.

40 yo, HIVpos WM novice slave, 6'1", 185, short brdstache, pierced, 8', clipped needs very experienced, HIVpos master, tall. EXT 1530.

BiWM, 49, Scandan bttm, HIVneg, 5'11", 210 like sucking and being fucked by clean top for safe sex. EXT 1531.

Student, WM, 26, 6', 180, Br/Br looking for a guy to date. I just moved here. Sort of shy but fun. EXT 1532.

GWM bttm sks top. I'm prof, yng 52, 5'11" 165, smth, ver sens and responsive. We are both secure, fit, HIVneg, hth conscious, N/S/users. EXT 1533.

Tall, attractive, smooth, athletic, 40, Bl seeks honest, well built, hairy, HIVneg, GWM. Hot safe sex, friendship and fun. EXT 1536.

Relationship wanted by skinny GWM, 33, 5'9", 130. You be Asian, serious, stable, 25-35, ready to be friends or more. EXT 1537.

I'm 40's, Br/Br, 5'9", 220, HIVneg would like to hear from a G/WLM, 30-45 for LTR or friendship. I have many interests and a great love maker let's mix. EXT 1538.

I'm 33, 6', 155, Br/Bl, HIVpos, appreciate outdoors movies and fitness seeking males for friendship/relationship. EXT 1539.

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Tell GWM, 40's top shows small package but erect, a bigger stiff story. Lkg for a cock appreciation. EXT 1455.

GWM 40ish, HIVneg, needs 7'cock sucked, ass massage, lite spank and fucked, slow, also likes to suck and FF. EXT 1476.

Very goodlooking, fit, handsome face, 25yo, Latin looking for a gdkng man who take the time to show me love. Big cocks a plus. Asses. EXT 1456.

Men any race, who also have a desire to touch and/or wear lingerie. GWM, mid 40's, 5'11", loves sex. EXT 1463.

White master has trained FF black slave boy to lend out for raunchy, homemade, kinky videos? Call me. EXT 1465.

Financial Dist prof for mutual great kissed, nipple play, oral affection. GWM, 5'9", 158, Nordic, HIVpos, smoker, 40's, videos, sunny yard. EXT 1465.

Oral slave wanted for safe, clean play. Aggressive, WM, 47, 5'8", 150, athletic, muscular, healthy HIVpos. You're younger, smaller, athletic, healthy. EXT 1466.

Attractive, GBM, 40's, HIVneg seek WM, 50-65, daddy type w/ a big thick dick, 7-9.5' who enjoy love made to his dick for hours. EXT 1467.

Are you ready for some delightful "nuits Parisiennes"? My heart will chain up yours, my hairy body will show you the rest! You: 40-50. EXT 1468.

Your hungry ass needs some special attention. Me: GWM, 43, attractive, 6'5", 280. You: GWM, 18-35, attractive, slim, nice buns. EXT 1469.

Hot GWM, 31, 160, 5'9", very handsome, hard, defined, seeks big muscled man, age, looks not important. Just big muscles to aggressively fuck me. EXT 1470.

Hot Latino pigboy bottom, 5'10", 158, well hung/ 8.5, handsome as hell, beautiful inside and out, easy going, witty, fun, adventurous, very high libido, into fuck, suck, bondage, some spanking, gentle FFing. Seeking complete satisfaction from hot topmen. Well hung a must. Hip and modern a plus. Couples/groups ok. Call. Serious only. EXT 1479.

Experience needed by very handsome pigboy bottom. Need training in FF, bondage, and other kinky play. EXT 1480.

FBB, fit, 58 sks small hand, highly experienced deep expert to open shoulder deep, any stats and know how. EXT 1497.

Kinky GWM wanted who is into white socks and athletic shoes: High tops, running, cross training, tennis, basketball for raunchy sexy times. Wanted by big Hawaiian slut! EXT 1498.

Uncut, seeking other uncut men for companionship intimate goodtimes and enjoy all the pleasures of each other's hot foreskin and uncut cock. EXT 1499.

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### BARTALK AD OF THE WEEK

Long hair, big dick, swimmers body, tanned, loves to get sucked for hours, brainy, hairy, sexy, non-mainstream guys for pleasure. EXT 1556.

Butt Buster: 37yo GWM, gym toned butt needs plowing by a qualified and licensed butt buster. EXT 1457.

Long hair? Young 'n hairy? Student? Cum and get awesome BJ and more from goodlooking dad, 49, 175, goatee. EXT 1459.

GM, 29 seeks totally submissive slave boy. You're 18-22, slender, 5'8" or under and long hair a plus. I'm firm but gentle. Dominant and HIVneg. Do it. EXT 1460.

Very long and very thick, clean cut, handsome, 5'8"; bl w/ seriously gym toned body long for 25-35, hung very big w/ beautiful bodies. EXT 1461.

Just an average guy. GWM, 6'4", 44, 220, HIVneg, Br/Bl smoker. You: GWM, over 6', 38-42, HIVneg, a nice guy. EXT 1462.

GGB, fit 58, absolute bottom, 5'11", 170, beard, tats, rings, sks no BS top fist, tender/rough. Do it your way, your limits. BD, long guaranteed. EXT 1500.

WM, 5'9", 160, Bl/Bl, masc and music, nice guy wants attn for big UC cock any age ok. E. Bay or S.F. Loads wait. Hot ass and mouth. Ext 1501.

Ball torture turn you on? WM, 43, 6'1", 175, hung, hot, wants buddy into CBT, esp ballwork! No damage! HIVneg. EXT 1502.

Boot Fetish seeks goodlooking top for boot worship. No fluid exchange. Am middle aged, attractive. EXT 1503.

No dinner, no movie, just big, fat cock. You got it, I want it. Any questions? Lean, muscular sex pig wants to squeal. Oink oink. EXT 1504.



# THIS WEEK

## FRIDAY 5

### Arthur and Leila

Cherylene Lee's humorous play about a successful Chinese American woman and her blackmailing older brother. \$11-15. 8pm. Sun. at 2pm. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg. B, Fort Mason. 776-8999.

### Beyond Therapy

Quirky farce about shrinks, lovebirds bisexuals, and nut job therapists. \$20. 8pm. Hotel York's Plush Room, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

### Black Girl in Search of God: In East Oakland

Performance in progress about the spiritual struggle of youth in modern society. \$3-5. 7pm. Thru Sun. (at 3pm). Center for African & African American Art & Culture, 762 Fulton. 824-9394.

### Box Conspiracy

George Coates' latest multimedia theatre work invokes a Neilsen family and the insidious interactive tube technology that takes over their lives. \$14-34. 8pm. Thru 12/31. George Coates Performance Works, 110 McAllister. 863-4130.



**The Painted Journal,**  
Romanovsky & Phillips  
(both WED.)

### Exeunt Severally

Farcical retelling of the King Lear tale, performed by Theatre Forte. \$10. 8pm. Thru 11/20. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at 18th. 882-1199.

### Food From Trash

Bosch-like play about toxic waste, spiritual plagues and other cheery topics. \$10. Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy St. 6473-3847.

### The Gondoliers

Lamplighters' production of the zany Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. \$22. 8pm. Sun. at 2pm. Thru 11/7. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk at Masonic. 752-7755.

### Jeffrey

Paul Rudnick's Obie Award-winning play about a man who decides to give up sex, only to meet the bartender man of his dreams, who's HIV-positive. \$22-30. 8pm. (Tue., Wed., Thu.), 8:30pm. (Fri. & Sat.), also 5pm Sat., and Sun. at 3 & 7pm. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St., floor 2M. 433-9500.

**Joan Drury, Rebecca Beguin & Randy Lordon**

Authors read from new lesbian fiction. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

### Jungle Red

Ultra-camp musical version of the film *The Women* is back, with more songs and a new cast, including Miss X, Donna Sachet, Ann Drogynous & Mark Sargent. \$13-15. 8pm. Sun. at 4pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-KILL.

### Jumping the Broom

Restaged version of the romantic comedy revue about gay and lesbian weddings. \$12-18. 8pm (Sat. 5pm, Sun. 3pm). Thru 12/11. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. at Mission. 861-5079.

### Lesbian Vampire Lovers

Andrea Weiss' filmic guide to sapphic suckers, from exploitation to chic, with some rarely seen Hammer scenes as well. \$7. 8pm. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

### Midsummer Night's Dream.

Bill Shakespeare's chestnut, with a cast of 35 directed by Ronnie Larsen. Also Fridays and Saturdays, thru 11/13. \$15. 8pm. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason. 267-6165.

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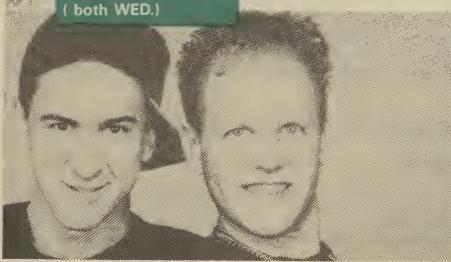
Casanova meets Madonna in this odd play of obsession and the quest for eternal life. Performed with a live score by bassist Shingi Eshima. \$12-15. 8:30pm. Thru 11/21. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa at Hampshire. 905-4605.

### Passage Through the Gong

Chamber-sized gamelan performance by Indonesia's Sardono Dance Theatre. \$12-20. Thru 11/7. Fort Mason's Cowell Theatre. 392-4400.

### Pygmalion

George Bernard Shaw's witty play that inspired *My Fair Lady*. \$14-38. 8pm. Wed. & Sat. at 2pm, Sun. at 3pm. Thru 11/21. American Conservatory Theatre, Mason at Geary. 749-2ACT.



### Reno at Josie's

Raucous stand-up comedy from our favorite New York bleach blond Puerto Rican ex-junkie sometimes dyke comic. \$10-12. 8pm. Fri. extra shows at 10pm. Thru 11/19. \$10-12. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

### Retratos y Sueños

Portraits and Dreams

Photos by Mexican children.

Thru 1/5. Ansel Adams Center, 250 4th St. 495-7000.

### The Supper Club

Campy new tap-dancing musical spy comedy set in San Francisco during WWII. \$15. 8pm. Thru 11/14. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St. 567-3067.

### The Tim & Connie Show

Evening of poetry, gender and song written and performed by Tim Moore. \$5. plus 2-drink min. Adm. benefits Bay Area AIDS agencies. Also Sat. and 11/12 & 13. Lily's, Market & Valencia. 621-1680.

## SATURDAY 6

### Chanticleer

Concert of popular favorites, spirituals and Gregorian chants, sung by the terrific a cappella choir. \$16-19. 8pm. Also Sun. at 7pm. Calvary Presbyterian Church, Jackson at Fillmore. 392-4400.

### The Crying Game

If you don't know what this is about by now, your homo status will be revoked. \$6. 3:20, 8pm. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

### Culture of Desire & More

Author Frank Browning and editor David Groff discuss the much-discussed book at 7pm. Gavin Geoffrey Dillard reads poems from *Yellow Snow*. At 9pm, erotica daddy John Preston reads from *Flesh and the Word II & My Life as a Pornographer*. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

### Gay Comedy Night

Reno, Scott Capurro, Lisa Geduldig. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

### Pixel Visionaries

Fisher-Price toy videocam fest, with Michael (Twister) Almereyda's *Another Girl, Another Planet*, Cory McCabe's *The Man on the Moon*, and Sadie Benning's *It Wasn't Love*. \$5. 8:30pm. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St. 824-3890.

### Radical Women

"Women in East Europe say no to sexism and capitalism!" A slide show and guest lecture by Seattle lesbian/gay organizer Susan Docekal, who recently completed a tour of Eastern Europe, interviewing feminists and anti-war activists. \$10. 7:30pm. The Women's Building, 3543 18th. 864-1278.

### Turnabout & Dear Rock

Dan Bessie's documentary about two 92-year-old gay men who spent a lifetime in musical theatre (2:30pm) and Jack Walsh's posthumous fan letter to Rock Hudson (7:15pm). \$7. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th. 863-1087.

### Writing Tolerance

"Why Books for Lesbian/Gay Teens and Parents," a panel discussion moderated by Remy Charlip, with Rik Isensee (*We're Not Alone*), Cristina Salat (*Living in Secret*), Hillary Mullins (*The Cat Came Back*), and Sasha Alyson of Alyson Wonderland Press. 3:30pm. SF Book Fair, SF Concourse, 8th & Brannan. 861-BOOK.

**Malibu Barbie**  
Also Spoto, Scarbilly. \$5. 10pm. El Rio, 3158 mission. 282-3325.

## Splatter Platter



Kill Brenda first! Kill Brenda first! Join the blood sport as those Beverly Hills snobs get chased down by the charming psycho with a buzz Texas Chainsaw 90210. Who will survive? None of them, we hope except maybe Luke or that blond muffin. Naw, slice 'em all! See *S* and *Twisted Players* be just that, with Don Baird as Brenda, Dee Davenport as Brenda, that despicable Reagan Reich leftover. Fridays Saturdays thru Nov. 27. \$8-12. 9pm. Bernice Street Playhouse, Bernice at 12th (right behind the Eagle, for you leatherettes).

## Cline Up

Where but in San Francisco can you have not one, but two versions of the plane crash diva for your entertainment? Shop and compare! See *Patsy Cline & the Memphis G-* spots featuring our own Arturo Galster crooning "Sweet Dreams" and other favorites in a swanky nightclub setting. \$2. 9:30pm. Mondays through November at Cafe du Nord, 2170 Market St. 861-5016. For a full tilt theatrical play version, with some great singing as well, see *Always...Patsy Cline*, the country western musical about the life of the great crooner and her devoted fan Louise Seger, starring Joni Morris. \$18-26. 8pm. Also 2pm Sat. and 2pm & 7pm Sun. The Mason Street Theatre, 340 Mason. 98-CLINE.

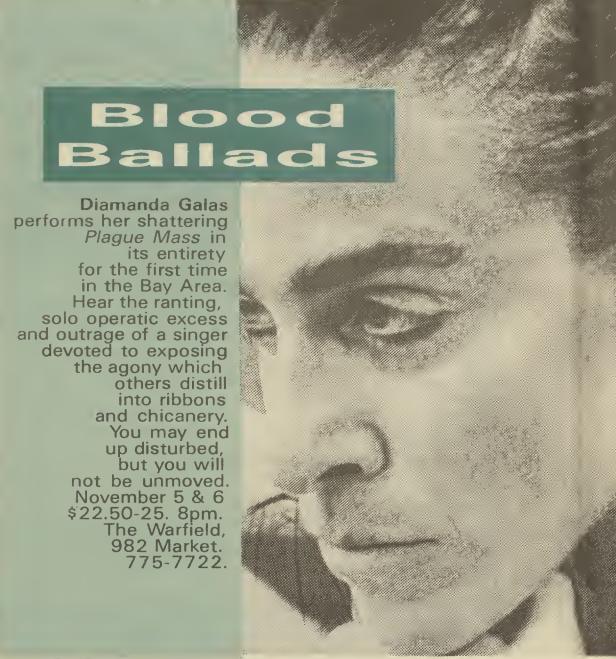
## hard edge



This House Is On Fire features odd, erotic, kinky, torturous (see left) videos about the frustrations of censorship, both sexual and creative, unleashed in combination on tape by Torsten Z. Burns, Karla Milosevich, Christopher Nash, Chad Carter, Georgie Wright, and others. \$5. Friday, November 5. 8pm, ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

## Blood Ballads

Diamanda Galas performs her shattering *Plague Mass* in its entirety for the first time in the Bay Area. Hear the ranting, solo operatic excess and outrage of a singer devoted to exposing the agony which others distill into ribbons and chicanery. You may end up disturbed, but you will not be unmoved. November 5 & 6. 22:50-25. 8pm. The Warfield, 982 Market. 775-7722.



## SUNDAY 7

### All Male Revue

Not strippers, but unique and quirky singers and performers Robbie D., Sean Owens' Radio Take Theater, Johnnie D. Rito, Castellano II, \$2. 8:30pm, Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market at Sanchez. 861-5016.

### Connie Champagne

Felinni's dead, but Connie sings pops songs Italiano! Perfect for digesting pasta \$5. 10pm. Eichberger's, 2742 17th at Florida. 863-4177.

### An Entertainment for Bo Huston

Reading to celebrate the publication of the late author's new book, *The Listener*, with Dorothy Allison, Dodie Bellamy, Dennis Cooper, Robert Gluck, Kevin Killian and Sara Miles. \$6-10. 4pm. Josie's, 118th at Market. 861-7933.

### G40plus Club

Paul Pendergast talks about his work as president of the Golden Gate Business Association. 2-4pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

### Hot Lips!

Sizzling, sensual performance by Fat Lip Readers Theatre, with chocolates by Food for Life Cafe. Women only. \$10. 7pm. Business and Professional Women's Club, 240 Plymouth, Santa Cruz. 426-1821.

### Naked Tribal Heat

Erotic nude dancing and sensual substance-free play party. \$20-30. 4-9pm. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th at Shotwell. 552-3242.

### The Nixon Bookmobile

Performance in which G.P. Skratz and Bob Davis pose as a dwarf and bodybuilder visiting the home of the "not a crook" prez, as well as visits to China. \$5-7. 8pm. The LAB Gallery, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.

### Together We Care

Kairos Support for Caregivers' sixth annual awards dinner honoring Randy Shilts, Paul Morabito and others who have helped our community cope with AIDS. Silent auction, singing by Menage, \$50, \$95 per couple. 3-6pm. Carnelian Room, top floor, 555 California. 861-0877.

## MONDAY 8

### Gay Comedy Open Mike

MC Scott Capurro. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

### Joseph Gold

Cara Bradbury-Marcus. Violin and piano concerto of works by Corelli, Paderewski, and others. Donations accepted. Star Classics, 425 Hayes. 552-1110.

### Perry Brass

Author of *Mirage* and *Circles*, recently banned in Canada, reads from his work. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

### Where the Dirt is Red & the Nights are Hot

Live music and art exhibit of works by Charlie Ramos and Jose Mendaro. 6-9pm. Momi Toby's, 528 Laguna at Linden. 626-1508.

## TUESDAY 9

### 12 Steps

To a More Dysfunctional You LA gay comic Rob Nash's hip, human parody of family abuse, using half a dozen characters. \$10. 8pm. One night only. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

### Bob Mould

Former member of Sugar and Husker Du, and recently outed singer, performs a solo acoustic show, plus Vic Chesnut. \$12-14. 9pm. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

### Folk Dancing

Gay, lesbian, bi classes, followed by dancing. 7:30pm. Eureka Valley Rec. Center. 585-9784.

## WEDNESDAY 10

### Edward Weston

35 rare photos spanning the career of the great artist. Thru 11/13. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.

### The Family Seen

Imagery of the family in contemporary society, imagined and re-imagined. \$4-6. Thru 11/20. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St. 621-1001.

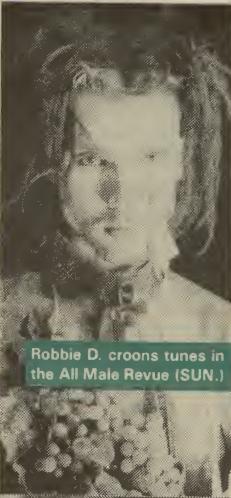
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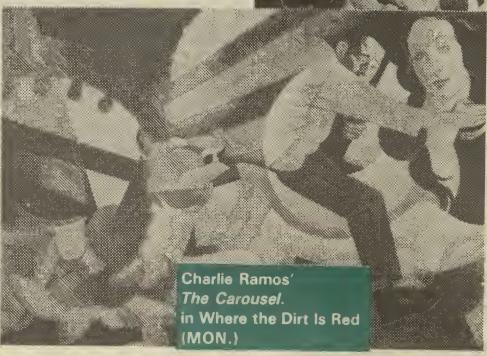
Mixed media sculpture, drawing and construction exhibit. Thru 12/4. The Luggage Store, 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market near 6th. 255-5971.

### Giants Have Us in Their Books

World premiere of acclaimed playwright Jose Rivera's play of six adult fables. A woman



Robbie D. croons tunes in the All Male Revue (SUN.)



Charlie Ramos' The Carousel. in Where the Dirt is Red (MON.)

## THURSDAY 11

### Broughton at 80: A Celebration

Celebrated gay poet will sign copies of his new memoirs, *Coming Unbuttoned*, and three of his films will be shown. \$3-6. 8pm. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut. 558-8129.

### Jason Gaillard

Compelling oil paintings. 6-8pm. Thru 11/27. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post St. 441-1138.

### Martin Wong

An exhibition by the New York painter and San Francisco expatriate. Tues-Sat. 10am-5pm; Thurs. until 8. Until 11/13. San Francisco Art Institute's Walter McBean Gallery, 800 Chestnut St. 771-7072.

### Nitrate Kisses

Barbara Hammer's deft mix of archival footage from a 30s gay film, *Lot in Sodom*, sexy love scenes, textural footage and arresting commentary in audio and totem text. "Who is the Angel of History and where does she live?" \$6. 2, 3, 30, 5:15, 7, 9pm. Also 7 & 9pm. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St. 626-9196.

### James White Review

10th anniversary celebration of the gay men's quarterly literary review, with Phil Willkie and several contributors reading. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

### Mistablu

Casanova meets Madonna in this odd play of obsession and the quest for eternal life. Performed with a live score by bassist Shingi Eshima. \$12-15. 8:30pm. Thru 11/21. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa at Hampshire. 905-4605.

### Mud Angel

Darrah Cloud's play of sexual power and family repression. \$10. 8pm. Thru 11/27. Diesel Cathedral, 3178 17th St. at Shotwell. 995-2558.

### Safe Is Desire

Provocative and educational video all about lesbian safer sex. Also, the Safer Sex Sluts will perform live demonstrations, give out supplies, and work the runway in a safer sex fashion show. Strap it up, I'll take it! \$6. 7 & 9:30pm. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th at Valencia. 863-1087.

### The Well of Horniness

Holly Hughes' raunchy ridiculous lesbodrama, a wicked parody of dime store '50s female imagery, repressed housewives and femme fatales, starring Mimi Freed, Laurie Bushman & others. A must-see. \$12. 8:30pm. Thru 12/5. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

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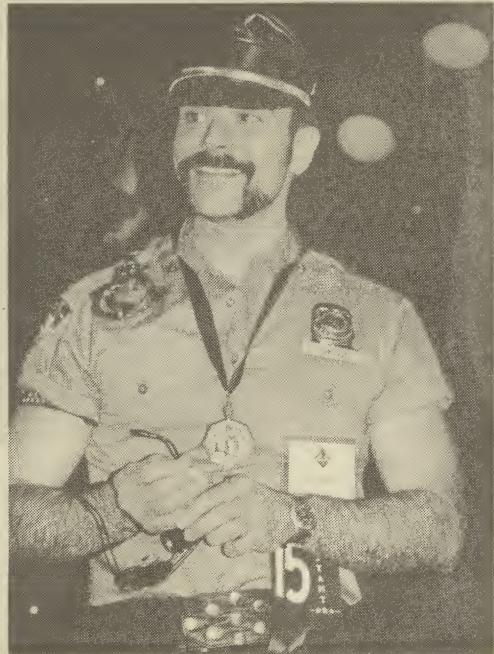
### Next: The Big Apple's Leather Weekend

**F**ollowing on the heels of San Jose's Leatherfest and the selection of Mr. and Ms. San Jose Leather this weekend, New York City plunges into the sash-rash game with Leather Weekend, November 11-13. In recent years, New York has enjoyed a renaissance in leather pride. Its proud leather men and women are helping to instill the idea that leather is alive and well. And behind the scenes is a group of dedicated leather people producing three days of activities — Henry Romanowski, Bill Miranda-Salzman, Douglas Nieters and John Lunning.

Young Randy Delaney has held the distinction of being Mr. Leather New York for the past year; I first met him when he competed in the Mid-Atlantic Leather competition in Washington, D.C. in January 1992 after winning the Mr. Spike Bar Leather title in 1991. Since then, his participation as a contestant at International Mr. Leather and his fundraising efforts have helped bring attention and pride to New York's active leather and SM communities. He'll pass the sash to his successor on Saturday night, Nov. 11. At my deadline, the contest location had not been confirmed.

The entire weekend will cost a mere \$35 (until Nov. 12; after that, it'll cost you \$45) and includes a Welcome Party Pub Crawl on motorcycles to six bars on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 2000, ending at The Spike.

Friday, Nov. 12, it's the GMSMA Supper and Social where you will meet the contestants at the Eagle's Nest from 1900-2300.



Mr. New York Leather 1992-93, Randy Delaney, passes the sash to his successor on Saturday night, Nov. 13, during New York Leather weekend in the Big Apple. The winner will compete at Int'l. Mr. Leather in Chicago in May 1994.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Saturday, Nov. 13, the 2nd Annual Leather Marketplace with S/M workshops at the G/L Community Services Center from 1100 to 1700. Saturday night the doors open at 1830 and the contest begins at 2000 sharp featuring the hottest leather men in New York. Emcee'd by Robin Byrd and Danny Williams, the judges this year include IML Henri Ten Have, Frank Nowicki, Coco LaChine, Dave Rhodes, Richard Biernacki, Joe Arnone, George Whaley and

Jose Ucles. Fred Katz will be the tally master. For ticket information, call (212) 228-2706. Proceeds benefit Gay Games IV. Thanks Randy, for a good year!

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Halloween night in San Francisco is always a great celebration. Thousands of people came out this year for the various parties, dances and costume contests. As early as last Thursday, costumed

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Leather & Feathers '93 winners at the Eagle last Friday night, Oct. 29 (l to r): Dennis Silva & Bobby Wong, part of the Flying Dragon (Best Group), Pavo Reall (Best "In Theme") as a brilliant Peacock fowl and Robert Sastini as "Ernestine" (Lily Tomlin), Best Humorous Costume.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Mr. Marcus,



(L to R): Jeff Matthews, Greg Byfield and Richard Faust made MS Amsterdam Secretary Marion Pohle welcome during Leather Week in San Francisco.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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revelers were in evidence all over the place.

Friday night, Oct. 29, a huge crowd was on hand for the Eagle's 12th Annual Leather & Feathers competition. Judges John Janeczko, "Mama," Seattle's Mark Ziegler, B.A.R.'s Jim Provenzano and Leather Daddy Philip Turner faced more than two dozen costumed contestants who put on a good show for natives and tourists alike. Flash attachments were popping all over the place on the contestants and others, who chose just to show off their finery.

When Andy Anderson tallied the scores the \$100

checks were awarded to Bob Sastini as "Ernestine" (Lily Tomlin look-alike, gestures, snorting and all) for humor, and the Phoenix Uniform Club for their shimmering, spectacular peacock-plumed group entitled, Flight of the Dragon. It was breathtaking! The best "in theme" costume, i.e., leather and feathers, was worn by Pavo Reall with his brilliantly plumaged headdress with antlers, leather harness and bare skin! And lots of it. Good show!

Sunday afternoon, Team San Francisco's Wrestling team hosted the beer/soda bust with a huge crowd on hand. It was billed as an event featuring women wrestlers, but there were only

three of them in attendance. Nevertheless, they tossed the male wrestlers around like rag dolls all afternoon. Nice to see some of the teams scheduled to compete at Gay Games IV taking the initiative to raise money for the trip!

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That much talked about video by Adworx of the Folsom Street Fair, features only the Folsom celebration, not, I repeat, not Dore Alley. A mis-communication caused me to tell you that footage of the Dore Alley Fair was included. Wrong! Available by mail for \$35 which includes postage, handling and tax by writing to Adworx, 25-B Alvarado St., San Francisco 94110. Got it?

There's room for more contestants in the Mr. Safe Sex Contest scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Eagle. If you want to compete, call Josh Bottfeld during the day at 476-9932, or in the evening at 861-4360. Do it now! Ay chihuahua! Supervisor Susan Leal will be one of the judges!

Dish-puted Data

Yes, I guess you can say that Lenny Broberg has settled down to a domestic partnership these days. You can

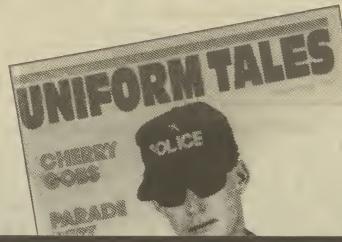
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Mr. Connecticut Leather 1993-94 Michael Begun, III (center) with (left) 1st runner-up Ross Nadler and 2nd runner-up (far right) Tom Pelly, chosen Oct. 23 in Hartford. Michael will compete at IML in Chicago in May 1994.

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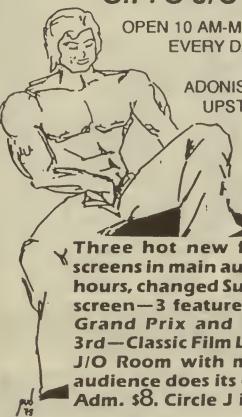
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surmise it's a pretty solid arrangement when you see Lenny with the same guy for more than one weekend. I can't wait to see what those East Coast leather queens are going to do to Lenny when he emcees the Mid-Atlantic Leather contest in Washington, D.C. in January!

Okay, okay, all you guys who phoned to tell me that Rey Bustillos, manager of Rey's Bar on 8th & Folsom was in full drag at the Watering Hole's "Hollywood Legends" Halloween costume competition last Sunday night. But did you know he won the \$75 prize for Most Humorous Costume?

The U.S. Marines have this marathon run in Washington, D.C. and Frank Nowicki's lover, Jim, wrecked the Marines and the Queens alike when he showed up with a white Leather Pride Flag T-shirt to compete! I tell you, they're getting real daring in D.C! When can we expect to see a gay leather man in the White House? Will they rename it the Black & Blue House? And who will be the First Lady? I can't wait! ▼



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## Affairs to Remember

Weekend Nov. 5-7: San Jose Leatherfest begins on Friday, Nov. 5, with a welcome party at Renegades from 2000-0100; Saturday, Safe Sex 101 for men only (sorry, Tina) by Graylin Thornton and Steve Lesh at the Watergarden from 1300-1500. A fetish auction at 2000 at Greg's Ball Room with a human cage, doctor's table, floggers, electrical toys and racks among the items offered up.

Sunday, a leather brunch from 1300-1600 at Wuzzy's, and at 1700, the Mr./Ms. San Jose Leather Contest at FX/The Club. Various prices for these events. Call (408) 293-7660 for details and directions.

Friday Nov. 5: Leather Daddy Philip Turner and his boy Greg present "Sylvester Lives" at the Eagle with a \$6 beer/soda bust, 50/50 raffle and Deena Jones as Syl. It will be choreographed by Ms. SF Leather Queen Cougar from 2000-2300, benefiting the SF G/L Historical Society to preserve Sylvester's costumes.

Saturday, Nov. 6: Memori-

al service and celebration of the life of John Siracusa at 1300 today. Location: Middle Lake in the Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park (near 43rd Ave.). Maps available at Castro Country Club (4058 18th St.) and 18th Street Services (217 Church), or call Skeeter Wildman, 661-7291.

Calendar covermen Richard Faust (Great Buns) and Jef Kennedy (Bare Chest) host buns and chest winners signing the 1994 editions, with a \$6 beer/soda bust from 2000-2300 at the Eagle benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund. Bring your camera and cash!

Sunday, Nov. 7: Spend most of the day motorcycling with the Constantines MC, leaving the Watering Hole at 1100 (free) for their annual Fall Field Events, ending at the SF-Eagle for a beer/soda bust (\$8) from 1500-1800 with food. For info, call Gary Kenyon at 922-8960 or Dale Harned at 285-1965.

Leatherless in Seattle? Tonight selecting Washington State Ms. Leather at Neighbors Bar. The competition begins at

2000 with the Surly Bitches entertaining. Call (206) 233-8527 for details. Winner will compete at IMs.L here in 1994.

Monday, Nov. 8: Put your money where your mouth is/was. Almost 16 leather women from the U.S. and Canada are expected to compete for the International Ms. Leather title the weekend of March 17-20, 1994, which proves IMs.L is growing. They need your help, ideas, input and volunteerism. Meeting tonight at 1930 at MCC Church, Room 108. Call the IMs.L Hotline: (800) 639-IMSL. In the Bay Area, it's 487-6226.

Thursday, Nov. 11: It's leather and club overlay night at Coming Home Hospice Bingo. Wear your colors and/or your leather, beginning at 1900. You know the place, price and who benefits.

Weekend, Nov. 11-13: Mr. Leather New York (City) and GMSMA Leatherfest all this weekend in the Big Apple. See column for details. ▼

## Sweet Lips

## Gung Ho for the Gangway

Contrary to the many rumors going around, the world famous Gangway on Larkin Street has not been sold and is not going to be sold. Darren and John Wise have been joined by Patrick and cute Bobby to mix your favorite cocktails. They now have draft beer and a pool table. The Sunday 49ers parties are catered by Victor, so come in and have a fabulous time, right, Bradley and Roger?

Had a nice card from Jim (Bette) Bonke, who is spending three weeks in Hawaii on the big island in the Kailua-Kona area. He says it sure beats the Tenderloin, except the only bar opens at 9 p.m. and he's still in bed at that hour.

Looking for a good breakfast? Papa Joe's Sandwich Shop on Polk Street, between California and Pine, serves great breakfasts and lunches

in a congenial atmosphere. They're a vital part of our community, so give them a try.

On Friday, November 12, Dennis Tyler of culinary fame, Woody of Polk Rendezvous fame and, of course, Botch of Kopikit fame celebrate their birthdays, and, yes, Dennis is the youngest.

If you are planning any holiday parties and want them catered, call Dennis Tyler at 567-8782, but call early so that he can arrange it for you.

How did you like your surprise party last Friday, Mike Dooley of the Swallow? Fifty years young ... and how was the stripper?

It was nice to see Empress Jackie hard at work at Marlene's recently. You're looking good, girl, and I hear you had a fabulous time in Portland and hated to come home.

Well, readers, you had bet-

ter make your Thanksgiving reservations early this year as I know of a few places that are already booked solid.

Have you been to Chez Mollet on Bryant Street lately for the delicious prime rib dinner. It's one of the best and most reasonably priced in town, and, of course, you'll find the wonderful Lenny holding court at the bar.

It seems as if Don Rogers of all the Ginger's fame bars might be opening Ginger's IV in Reno, so remember, you read it here first.

If you like dancing, head over come night time to the new dance room at the Giraffe Annex. It's hot as can be, and you can sit at the bar. It's like having your own private entertainment show room. Lots of fun there, especially with the congenial David Webb around, which is most of the time. ▼

## Sports Briefs



Dream rider Michael Ridgeway, and his multi-stickered gear-loaded forest green Trek 520 bike.

### Women's Way Run/Walk Benefit for Bay Area Women's Organizations

Sunday November 14, 10 Bay Area women's non-profit organizations will receive funding from this 10K run, 5K run, 3 mile walk. Call 415-431-6944 for registration information.

The 10 women's programs are La Casa de las Madres, Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, Mujeres Unidos y Activas, Options for Women Over 40, SF Women against Rape, WOMAN, Inc., Women's Alcoholism Center, Women's Cancer Resource Center, Women's Needs Center (Haight Ashbury Free Clinics), and YWCA Girl's Programs. You may pledge your support to one of these programs. The race starts at 9 am, in Golden Gate Park's Sharon Meadow.



### Sierra Club Action

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### Dream Ride for AIDS

Like many other people who are concerned about AIDS, Michael Ridgeway, of Lancaster, PA, is working to raise AIDS awareness.

Only he's doing it on a bike, across the nation.

While passing through San Francisco last week, Ridgeway called the B.A.R. to tell us about his trip. Next stop: the long road to Los Angeles.

A bike enthusiast of many years, he's traveling alone on a 12,000 mile loop around the country. His goal is to help raise AIDS awareness in small towns. His awareness-raising tools involve talking with whoever he meets about AIDS prevention, making frequent stops in small town grocery stores and shopping malls to meet people, and constantly wearing custom-designed AIDS Awareness T-shirts that turn him into a "Cycling AIDS Billboard."

A special non-profit organization in Lancaster is backing him on his trip. Several companies have assisted him as well. Shaklee donated a special power-drink, and the bike-makers, Trek, along with a Lancaster bike shop, donated a bike. Bike shops along the way have given him free tires, and tune-ups, and he collects their stickers on his forest green Trek 520. He's riding on medium thickness touring tires, and carries 70 pounds of gear on his bike. "The bike becomes a novelty. I use it to get in the door of some towns," Ridgeway told the B.A.R.

His bike has toe clips, a shock-absorbing gel seat, and he carries 70-80 pounds of equipment: clothes, shoes, tools, toiletries, two books,

first aid and a log. He told B.A.R. he's reading The Bible, so that he is prepared for any run-ins with fundamentalists. He's also reading Randy Shilts chronicle, *And the Band Played On*.

Ridgeway thrives on Granola Bars, a Shaklee power drink called Performance, and hopes that the six months' special training he

underwent before taking off on his cross-country trip will hold him in good stead. He advises anyone training for such a long ride to attempt riding a bike with 70-80 pounds of equipment attached.

Bicycle advocate Ridgeway wishes more people cycled. "I haven't had a car in 3 years," he said.

As for the loneliness of the long distance cyclist? Nada. He carries no cellular phone, and finds that his average daily 60 mile trips provide him ample time and space for self-reflection. "I always had a dream of doing a long perimeter ride," he said. He feels good, too, carrying the AIDS prevention message into small American towns. ▼

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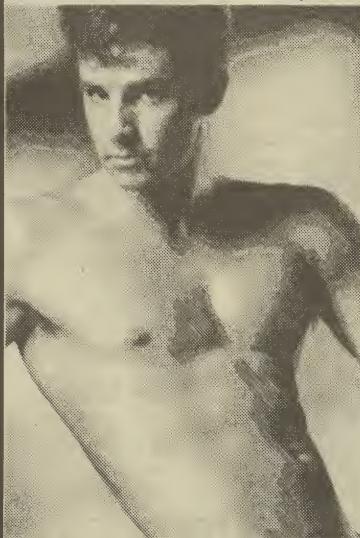
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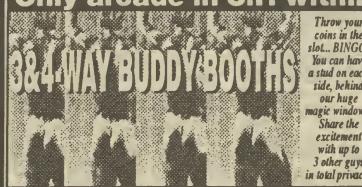
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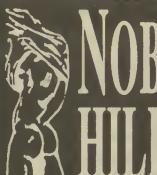
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## Cabaret

Lesbian Comic Suzanne Westenhoeffer

# One Funny Dyke

by Mara Math

**S**uzanne Westenhoeffer is a dyke to watch out for. The New York-based lesbian comic delighted audiences at Josie's this past week with a show that coyly blended hip comic style with substance. If you didn't get a chance to see one of her sold-out shows, don't worry — she's bound to be back. She's too good not to be.

Something of a phenomenon, the 32-year-old comedian has already appeared on *Day One*, *Caroline's Comedy Hour*, *Evening at the Im-*

**Westenhoeffer's work is not about being funny, it simply is funny.**

prov, Comedy Central and the *Sally Jessy Raphael Show*. This year she received New York's Outstanding Achievement in the Arts Award.

Unlike most New York comics, Westenhoeffer's work is not about being funny, it simply is funny. At the performance I attended, Westenhoeffer bounded on stage like Jay Leno on steroids, and the San Francisco audience shrank back a bit under the onslaught of her frenetic attack pace. Within minutes, however, she had everyone roaring with stories about her closeted live-in lover (who thinks coming out means telling a co-worker who saw Suzanne on TV, "I know her"), her escape from New Jersey, bartending in a straight Dallas bar, and her experiences as a live visual aid (i.e., display lesbian) in high school classrooms.

Restricted to tact and sensitivity when dealing with the high schoolers, Westenhoeffer

saved the snappy answers she couldn't say and delivers them to us instead. "Do you really think you can make love to a woman better than I can?" a male student asks. "You're 15 years old and have braces, what do you think?"

After a certain stiffness in her first quarter-hour, where movement consisted of marching up and down the stage, Westenhoeffer relaxed and put her body into it as well as her heart. With her expressive face and eloquent hands, that's a winning combination.

Some of her bits weren't fit for a Capital of Queerdom audience — decoy bedrooms for closeted couples are not a big thing here, for instance — but she took this in stride and made a quick recovery on stage. Westenhoeffer is one



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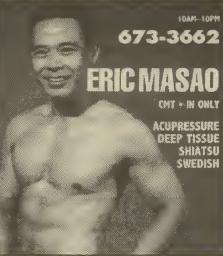
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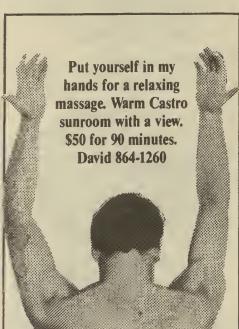
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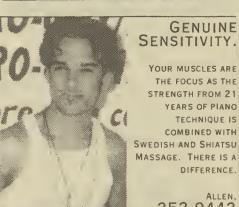
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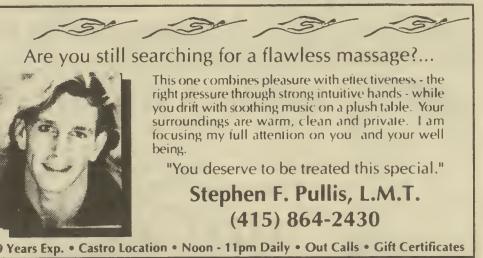
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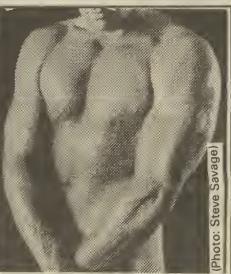
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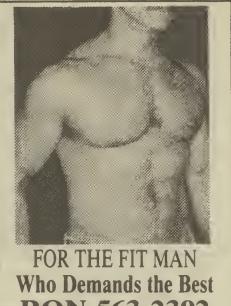


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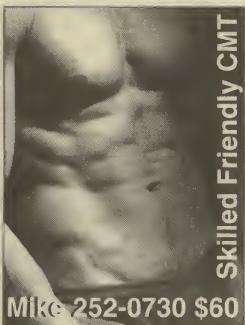


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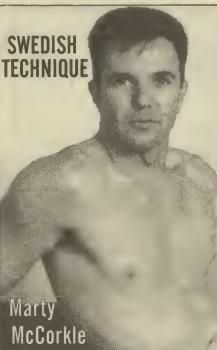
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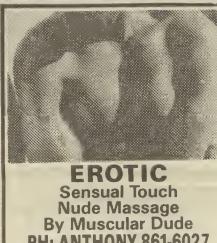
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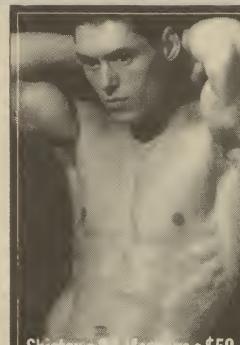
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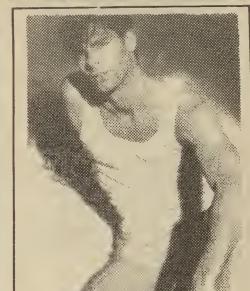


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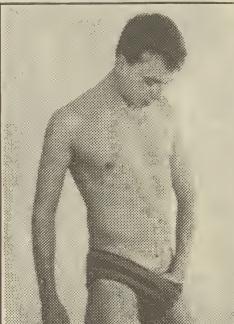
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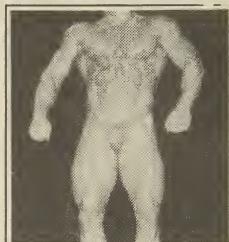
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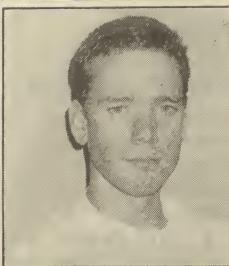
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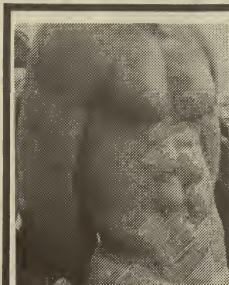
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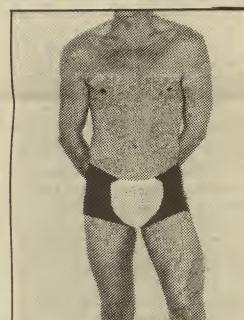
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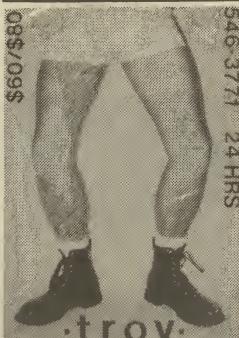
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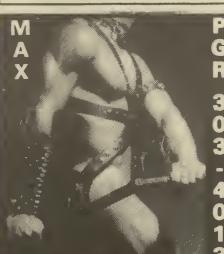
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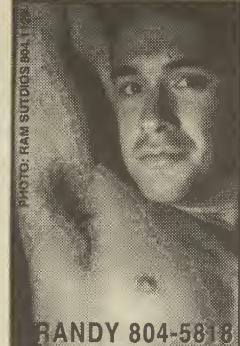
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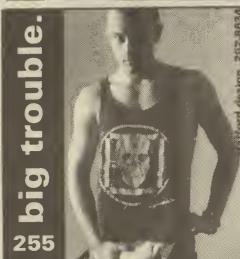
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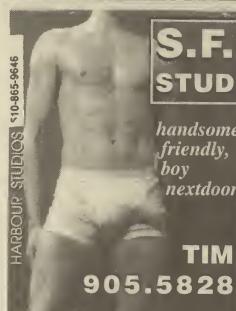
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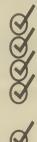
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